

by Keith Gilmour

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ASW's first issue of 1982 will go on sale to coincide with the start of the new season.
See you then.



EDITORIAL

One safe bet at the start of any Soccer season in Australia is that the code will produce more than its share of controversy. We were not let down on that score in 1981.

It was, indeed, an eventful season.

So much happened that one wonders where to start. Perhaps it might be advisable to categorise the major events.

- The World Cup flop with Australia eliminated by New Zealand.

- ASF Marketing's involved dossier pointing to what it imagined was Soccer's future in Australia.

- In connection with that plan, the hotly-debated matter of summer Soccer.

- Withdrawal of sponsorship by Philips Industries.

- The World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup.

Space permits only the briefest of comments on these very important matters.

Regarding the World Cup disaster, it is now accepted, even by those who appointed him, that Rudi Gutendorf was not the right man to lead Australia's challenge.

Gutendorf appeared to be hopelessly confused about team selection and moved from one headline to another in his desperate attempt to sort out his best squad. At the end, and only days before the awful Socceroo performance against New Zealand at the SCG, the coach even sent out an S.O.S. for veteran Peter Wilson to rescue him from his plight.

The Soccerroos were never a settled squad and were never even allowed to be a settled team as bewildering substitutions were made in all games. It was no surprise when Australia bowed out and so did Rudi Gutendorf.

ASF Marketing's much-heralded plan for the future of the sport was well presented and caused enormous debate. Many of Soccer's administrators appeared blinded with science when they studied it and enthusiastically endorsed it.

The biggest surprise was the acceptance of a Soccer season to run from October to May... through the hottest months of the year in Australia.

We opposed the concept of summer Soccer in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and we still do. Although clubs in the national league still seem bent on going ahead with this crazy scheme, we trust sanity will prevail before the fatal step is taken. If any country in the world does NOT need summer Soccer, that country is Australia.

Philips Industries stood loyally by the PSL for five eventful years before pulling out. Nobody should blame Philips. Obviously this multinational company was more perceptive than most PSL clubs. It realised there was no long-term future for a national league in Australia. How long will it take the clubs to similarly accept such an obvious fact?

We hear alarming stories of huge debts facing clubs and, even more serious, the stricken clubs are now budgeting for even more losses in the future. How will it all end? Somebody, preferably at the ASF, must cry "halt" before the sport is wrecked by financial disaster. One feels sympathy for the people and companies to whom clubs owe money. They will have a long wait for their dues.

The concept of a national league was marvelous. It deserved to be given a trial. Now, five years later, it is obvious the national league is not a viable proposition. Let the clubs face reality and accept that fact — even though they might imagine they would lose prestige by sensibly contracting their competition.

If much of this is depressing comment, at least Australian Soccer can look back with satisfaction on the World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

Surely the greatest thing that happened in the code in 1981 was the way the Youth Soccerroos performed in memorable matches against Argentina, Cameroon, England and West Germany.

While many of the best Under 20 players in the world were kept at home by their clubs, it is most gratifying to suddenly realise that in this age group, Australia has managed to produce players capable of matching the overseas giants.

Steve Blair, Oscar Crino, Paul Kay, Peter Raskopoulos, David Mitchell and Mark Koussas were the pick of the players but there should also be honourable mentions for youngsters like Rob Wheatley, Howard Tredinnick and Jim Patkias.

Rarely, if ever, has Australia discovered so many talented boys at the one time. We must hope they are looked after and given every opportunity to mature into top class senior players in the next few years.

Australia's Soccer future is in their hands... not in the hands of "reformers" who seem to imagine summer Soccer, or indoor Soccer, or USA-type Soccer will answer our needs.

Good luck to the kids. They, at least, can look back on a stormy 1981 and say... we did everything asked of us and more.

GERMANY BRILLIANT IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

By Brad Earl

That defiant national spirit of the Germans was clearly evidenced as the West German youth team proved themselves to be the superior race (as far as youth Soccer goes) in the world.

They always looked the winners as they strode to a 4-0 win in the final of the World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup against Qatar (who were for so long lost on the slippery mud-bath of the SCG).

As the heavens opened on Sydney last Sunday, it was decided that, like the mail in those western movies, world championships must go ahead no matter what.

The Qataris must have been crying.

"This is the first time we have played on a field like this," the Qatar national coach, Evaristo, said afterwards. "For us, it was impossible to play on that field."

"We could have played the next day — what's one day more?" Evaristo said.

On the other side, the Germans must have thought it was Christmas, aware of Qatar's preference for hard, dry pitches.

Their coach, Dietrich Weise, explained that, in Germany now, it is autumn, and the weather is very bad.

It certainly posed few problems for them, as they relied mainly on long balls played through to two wingers and a roving central striker, avoiding the bog-hole in the centre circle.

Roland Wohlfarth, the centre-forward, was always a threat and on a number of occasions broke clear of the square Qatar defence.

His first chance in this manner came in the third minute, when he got away from the defence, only to see his shot skid across the face of the goal.

He had another shot at goal in the sixth minute but sent it wide after being hustled by defenders.

Qatar could have broken through with a little more luck in front of goal, and not playing against such a clever keeper as Rudiger Vollborn.

In the 19th minute Wohlfarth was running through again after leaving every Qatar defender standing in the centre circle, but Qatar keeper, Younes Ahmed, was out of his goal to tackle Wohlfarth well.

Ahmed made another good save three minutes later when he punched a hard Ralf Sievers effort over the top.

In the 26th minute, Germany were coming forward again, with Axel Brummer doing extremely well in the penalty area to steal the ball back from a Qatar player after being tackled, and he threw over a cross for Ralf Loose to storm in for a header, only to see it stopped by Ahmed.

Two minutes later the inevitable happened. Mohd Alsowaidi fouled Brummer on the left, the free-kick was floated in, and Loose got up to hammer in another header from 10 metres which this time escaped the grasp of Ahmed.

In the 36th minute, Wohlfarth made another run, and again Ahmed came to tackle

him cleanly, this time coming right out of his area.

In the 42nd minute, Germany scored their second goal — a controversial one. Loose and Wohlfarth received the ball in the centre circle and Wohlfarth set off on a run, with Qatar having committed themselves to playing the off-side. Wohlfarth kept going, and caught Ahmed out (third time lucky) with a well-placed shot into the bottom corner of the net.

Evaristo jumped off his bench and beckoned his players to besiege the linesman who had kept his flag down.

"That goal was offside — it finished the game," Evaristo said later.

The Germans kept pushing forward into the wide open spaces behind Qatar's defence in the second half, and, in the 53rd minute, a cross into the area from the right produced some magnificent goalmouth action.

Wohlfarth hammered the ball onto the crossbar, it rebounded to Loose who also hit the woodwork, before Michael Zorc's shot was charged away.

In the 66th minute Loose put Wohlfarth in to the clear, and as he entered the penalty area he was cut down from behind by Sameer Almas.

Loose stepped up and sent the keeper the wrong way by smacking the kick low to Ahmed's

right.

For the rest of the match, Qatar tried to salvage some respect with a bit more urgency in their attack, but they were finally destroyed by a goal from right winger Holger Anthes.

And what a way to score a goal... only two players involved from one end of the field to the other. Zorc, the Beckenbauer-like centre-back, won the ball at the back, pushed forward, landed a fine ball into the path of Anthes, who accelerated through the defence to enter the area and shoot. His first effort was charged down by the goalie, but he was given a second bite at the cherry and made no mistake.

Two minutes from time, Khalid Almuhanadi almost got a consolation header for Qatar, but his finishing let him down — the sad tale for the Arabs all afternoon.

Weise criticised the way his opponents played. "They have to play real football, not just the offside. That's not good for a world championship."

"We had luck to control the three forwards (Beleal, Almuhanadi and Alsada) so well."

For Qatar, goalie Ahmed was forced to work hard behind the square defence, while Beleal, Alsada and Nasser Salem showed up occasionally in attack.

Germany were deserved winners of this

match and the whole tournament.

Their captain Loose was brilliant, taking absolute control of the midfield. Zorc was excellent pushing forward from the back, and Anton Schmidkunz did a fine job marking Beleal. Wingers Anthes and Brummer worked hard, while Wohlfarth was strong in the centre of attack.

It was interesting to compare the way the Germans treated the Qatar offside trap (with contempt) to the way England toiled against it in the semi-final.

Germany showed far more resourcefulness in the final third of the field than England ever did.

WEST GERMANY: Vollborn; Winklhofer, Schmidkunz, Zorc, Trieb; Sievers (Brunner 67), Loose (capt), Schoen; Anthes, Wohlfarth, Brummer (Herbst 85).

QATAR: Y. Ahmed; M. Alsowaidi, A. Ahmed, Mayouf, Almas; Afifa, Salem, E. Almuhanadi (K. Alsowaidi 53); Alsada, Beleal, K. Almuhanadi.

YELLOW CARDS: Wohlfarth (45), E. Almuhanadi (45).

REFEREE: Arnaldo C. Coelho.

CROWD: 18,531.

BRONZE MEDAL EASY FOR ROMANIANS

by Tom McKain

Romania picked up the Bronze for third place in the World Youth Championship play-off in Adelaide — and they did it with ease despite the 1-0 scoreline.

This flattered England, who were no more than a team of triers.

They had no-one to match winger Romulus Gabor, who turned the defence inside out and scored the only goal of the match with a thundering free-kick in the 36th minute.

Dorel Zamfir, on the ring wing, was just as deadly. Not so classy as Gabor, but direct and just as elusive central striker Stere Sertov was also always in command.

In midfield captain Costel Ilie reigned supreme.

Paul Allen tried to

take command there for England, but the Romanians played the ball for possession, and did it so coolly, the English youngsters became frustrated.

They relied on high balls for two short forwards in Ian Muir, making his debut on the tour and midfielder Kevin Gage.

Coach John Cartwright also had another "first-timer" goalkeeper Andrew Gosney. He could not be blamed for the goal, but we felt that the English side did miss big coloured striker Michael Small who was left on

the bench.

Andy Peake tried hard in midfield for England in the first half then faded. He came again in the second but was fighting a losing battle.

They had their chances — Muir got set three times but couldn't finish and every time England did get through they had to struggle for chances and when they came it was shoot or be closed down.

In contrast the Romanians turned on deliberate build-ups and when they did get a chance the freeman always had time to set himself.

Gosney pulled off two great saves in the second period, one from Gabor who dribbled his way through, and another from the head of Zamfir.

Romania played possession Soccer to the delight of the 12,492 crowd (10,492 paid) and there was applause for them as they left the field.

Applause, too, for the police who did a magnificent job with the expected fanatical English supporters, mostly young, who looked as if they could have caused trouble inside the ground but for the fact that five were marched

to a paddy wagon in the first 20 minutes.

It was not the best game in Adelaide which had housed West Adelaide, Egypt, Spain and Mexico.

ENGLAND: Gosney, Allen (Dey 55), Cooke, Greenall, Kinsey (Southey 79), Muir, Gage, Peake, Robson, Webb.

ROMANIA: Lovas, Eduard, Rednic, Ilie, Zamfir, Balint, Sertov, Gabor, Matei, Vuscan (Balaur 46), Fisie.

REFEREE: Henning Lund Sorensen (Denmark).

ENGLAND DROWN IN AN OIL SLICK!

By Alex Vesic

Qatar, the Soccer team backed by unlimited oil funds, toppled England in the WYC semi-final at the Sydney Cricket Ground operating the offside trap in a manner that would make Rale Rasic proud.

In fact, England coach John Cartwright admitted after the 2-1 loss that he knew of the tactics Qatar would employ but could do little to prepare his team to combat them.

The England forward trio didn't help matters by being caught offside almost constantly, despite instruction to "follow Qatar's defensive wall", while one of their midfielders runs through to pick up on a through-ball.

England was caught in an offside position 28 times, and Danny Wallace must pick up the tab for at least half of those decisions!

Despite that count against them, England had enough chances to win but failed to exploit the breaks which came their way.

Qatar took a surprise lead in the 12th minute of the game following a corner-kick from the right-hand side. The ball floated over a bunch of players in the middle of the penalty area to land at the feet of Mohd Afifa, who immediately crossed into the middle for Bader Beale to score a superb goal with a "scissors" kick.

Following Beale's goal, England took hold of proceedings and threatened on numerous occasions.

Wallace shaved the cross-bar following a cross by Michael Small in the 23rd minute, and three minutes later Abdul

Ahmed cleared a well-measured header by Michael Small off the line.

Steve Kinsey was prominent during this period and his crosses worried the Qatar defence. Once, close to half-time, a cross from him found John Cooke unmarked inside the penalty area. It looked curtains for keeper Younes Ahmed as Cooke shaped up to score, but he scooped the ball over the crossbar.

Younes Ahmed made a super save from Small, then Kinsey muffed a reasonable

chance to close the gap before the teams went in at the end of the first half.

England created its best scoring opportunity in the 60th minute when its forward trio combined brilliantly to put midfielder Geoff Dey through into the box. Dey, facing only the goalkeeper, ballooned his shot over the bar.

Paul Allen, the English captain, had the last chance of the game for England after beating the offside trap in the 85th minute. Allen lobbed the keeper, but Majed Mayouf raced back and cleared the ball from less than a metre out.

England's chances far outnumbered those created by Qatar but the latter

team had its moments in the second half when England threw caution to the wind in search of an equaliser.

Two minutes after the interval, a quick counter by Qatar through Ali Alsada and Beale ended with a shot by Beale grazing an upright. And only a minute later, Mayouf drove a free-kick and forced a super save from Kendall.

In the 62nd minute England failed to "plug the gap" and Alsada raced through to pick up a pass by

Easa Almuhanadi and score from close range.

England cut Qatar's lead to one goal after Small slotted a loose ball home from the edge of the box, but soon after Qatar looked set for goal number three.

An unfortunate handling error by Colin Greenall just inside the box was penalised without hesitation by Argentinian referee Jorge Romero. The decision appeared a little harsh.

Khalid Almuhanadi took the kick, but his shot hit the post and rebounded

straight back to him. He slotted the ball into the net but the goal did not count as the penalty-taker is not allowed to strike the ball again without another playing touching it.

Qatar, relishing the lead, had England on the ropes in the closing stages, with Greenall clearing twice off the line and Kendall having to work very hard to keep Qatar at bay.

QATAR: Y. Ahmed, Mayouf, A. Ahmed, Eidan, Almas, Salem, Afifa, E. Almuhanadi, Alsa-

da, Beale, K. Almuhanadi.

ENGLAND: Kendall, Greenall, Peake, Webb, Robson, Allen, Dey (Finnigan 76), Kinsey, Cooke, Wallace, Small.

REFEREE: J. Romero (Argentina)



ENGLAND'S GOALSCORER MIKE SMALL

EVARISTO FUMING

Despite their great win over England, Qatar officials and their coach were fuming after the game.

Evaristo insisted that someone watered the ground before the match to give England the advantage.

"We are not used to playing on wet pitches and someone had done a dirty on us by showering the pitch before the game," said Evaristo.

He was happy about the result and the way his team played, but fired another broadside at the organisers of the WYC by claiming that two of his players were attacked after the game by English supporters and no protection was offered to his side.

The botch-up which followed the game did not help Evaristo's ire. He was led from the Members' Stand towards the interviewing area on the first floor of the M.A. Noble Stand, when suddenly a group of England supporters came towards him.

He turned on his heels and started back towards the Qatar dressing room, obviously not happy about having to face the mob.

"I would like to tell you that my players are amateurs, contrary to some ludicrous reports of millions which my players are allegedly going to get," said Evaristo. "They play for the love of the game and will receive some reim-

bursement for their time, but it is a far cry from the reports which I saw in the papers."

John Cartwright was a disappointed man after the match: "I thought we had more chances but failed to capitalise on them," he said.

When asked about the Qatar tactics of "cutting the length of the park by playing a zone almost in centre-field," Cartwright suggested that he knew what Qatar had planned for the semi-final, but couldn't have his players fully prepared to cope with that kind of a game.

"You need to have perfect timing to be able to beat that offside trap with midfielders coming through and attackers coming back. We had very little time to prepare for it," said the England coach.

"I am disappointed for the lads. They played their hearts out during the past five games. But that's football and its ups and downs — some days you win, some days you lose."

"I wish Qatar every success in the final, they concentrated on creating a side and deserve the success achieved so far," said Cartwright with the obvious reference to the reluctance of some of the English clubs to release their players for this World Youth Championship.

WEST GERMANY WORK OVERTIME TO REACH FINAL

By Peter Georgiou

West Germany went into the final of the Youth World Championship with a 1-0 over Romania — but they certainly had to work overtime for it.

Ninety minutes of mediocre play failed to produce a winner between Germany and Romania, so they went into extra-time.

This proved fatal for the Romanians, who were the better of the two teams.

Romania began the game in an attacking mood, putting pressure on the Germans, but somehow they could not utilise the chances they were creating. Any attempt for goal was either blocked by the German keeper Vollborn or was wasted on too much fiddling with the ball by their forwards.

The Romanian captain, Costel Ilie, came back from injury and he was again the general in midfield, feeding his forwards, but they were getting no results.

The Germans appeared slow, nervous and unorganised in midfield and up-front, concentrating more on their defence. However, when they were attacking, even rarely, they were fast and dangerous, using the speed of their forward star Wohlfarth, although they tended to be untidy.

However, in the second half, as the game improved slightly, they were forced to produce some good defending against strong attacks from Zamfir and Balint.

But Germany started to look dangerous in attack, with right-back Winklhofer

continually pushing his team forward and the pressure shifted from the Germans to the Romanians, who started looking a bit tired, and goalkeeper Lovas again pulled some spectacular saves.

In extra-time that followed, both teams went all

out to score and get to the final, but the Germans were the lucky ones.

In the 104th minute, after winning a corner-kick they scored the only goal of the match through Schoen, who hit the post first before the ball went into the net.

The Romanians deserved

better luck, but they had their chances and missed them due to too much time-wasting on the ball.

After the game the two coaches had this to say:

Weise (Germany): "If you think that it was a lucky goal, it is your opinion and I can't change that. The Romanians were better up to the 70th minute. After that we took control of the game and won it."

Tserniacu (Romania): "We played attacking football throughout the game. We created more chances

than in any other game we've played. We just could not make anything out of them."

The best players for the day were Winklhofer, Brummer and Loose from the Germans (but only in the second half and extra

time) and Andone, Rednic and Balint from the Romanian team.

REFEREE: R. Valentine (Scotland).

CROWD: 8,000.

ROMANIA: Lovas, Edvard, Rednic, Andone, Matei, Ilie, Balint, Han-

chiuk (Fisic 61), Zamfir, Sertov (Bolba 75), Gabor.

WEST GERMANY: Vollborn, Winklhofer, Schmidkunz, Trieb, Zorc, Anthes (Brummer 75), Herbst (Brunner 26), Loose, Schoen, Sievers, Wohlfarth.

SOCCER SUFFERS ONCE AGAIN

The ugly scenes at the Sydney Cricket Ground at the end of the England v Qatar WYC semi-final could have been easily prevented if ground control had been only minimal.

The brawl was sparked off when just a few spectators entered the playing area — and nobody turned them back.

They were followed by others and still not a sign of police to get the fans back behind the fence.

Police eventually made their appearance, by which time there were probably 150 pitch invaders who were kicking and punching and generally behaving like lunatics.

Even then, there was a surprising reluctance by the police to become involved.

They stood watching the spectacle, hoping, perhaps, that the trouble would eventually sort itself out.

And so Soccer was again debited with a sick brawl while the rest of Australian sport smugly thought . . . "it doesn't happen in our game."

Brian Le Fevre, secretary of the ASF, was particularly critical of the lack of security, stating frankly: "The police let us down — they failed in their job."

Harry Cavan, senior vice-president of FIFA and chairman of the World Youth Committee of FIFA, was also critical of the Sydney constabulary.

Mr Cavan commented: "If the police cannot control 12,000 people, how do they manage when there are 65,000 in the

ground?"

Fortunately, the fans are fairly well behaved at Rugby League grand finals at the SCG, but if they did decide to put on a battle, it would be interesting to see if the police would take appropriate action.

We can only look back sadly now on the depressing events at the SCG on Wednesday October 14.

It could have been avoided if the police had done their job.

And it will certainly happen again and again unless reasonable efforts are made to stop spectators going on the field . . . at EVERY football ground in Australia.



GERMANY'S MARTIN TRIEB AND QATAR'S EASA ALMUHAMADI

★ ★ STAR INTERVIEW ★ ★

DAVID MITCHELL TALKS TO JOHN ECONOMOS

One of Australia's outstanding Young Champions in the World Youth Championship was Adelaide City striker, David Mitchell.

What a magnificent player he has turned out to be for Australia. Playing up-front with Mark Koussas, David was fully involved in four out of the five goals Australia scored in the matches against Argentina and Cameroon.

It was "Mitch" who laid on both goals that destroyed World Champions, Argentina, at the Sydney Sportsground.

First he set up Mark Koussas. Then he sent the South Americans crashing to the canvas when he beat his defender in the air, rounded him and finally squared a lovely ball for Ian Hunter to slot home the winning goal in the dying seconds and give Australia a 2-1 victory which shattered the world of Soccer as news streaked across the globe that Australia had "knocked-out" the world champions.

Just 48 hours later, in Newcastle, Australia was again in trouble against the giant Africans, Cameroon. It was Mitch again who shone for Australia. He scored a smashing goal in the first half, then set up Mark Koussas for the second goal to bring Australia back off the ropes, and from the brink of defeat, to snatch a very precious point for his country.

At the Sydney Sportsground, Mitch busted England right up the middle, to put the Englishmen under severe pressure and attract closer attention from the England defence for the rest of the match, thus allowing Mark Koussas, his partner in crime, a little more room to operate.

In all three games, David was outstanding in the air with his knocks and flicks to his fellow team-mates, and constantly punching away at the back-four to create openings for Australia.

After the England match in the dressing room, Mitchell sat exhausted, as the Australian physiotherapist attended to his battle-scarred legs that were bleeding from English stud marks — visible evidence of the attention he attracted from the foe.

Is it any wonder that Mitchell is now being asked to go over to Scotland's famous Rangers club for trials next month?

Or that a Sydney PSL club desperately wants him for the 1982 season?

Now, another club wants his services. This time it is England's second division outfit, Norwich City.

So what's in store for Australia's magnificent No 9, David Mitchell?

Will it be Sydney, England or Scotland for 1982?

Yesterday, David boarded the aircraft with his fellow Australian Young Champions heading for Peking where Australia plays in a tournament against China, Peking, USA and Egypt.

Let's meet the young South Australian who has made it to the top.

Born: 13.6.62.



Height: 6 feet 1 inch.
Position: Striker (wide or central).
Club: Adelaide City.

Q: When are you leaving for Scotland?

A: Hopefully November 15. To be quite honest, all I have been thinking about was winning the WYC for Australia.

Q: Who approached you from Rangers?

A: Stan Anderson, the assistant coach at Rangers. He phoned me when I was in the training camp at Canberra, under instructions from manager, John Greig.

Q: What are your favourite foods?

A: Wiener schnitzel and mashed potatoes.

Q: What about film stars?

A: McQueen, Newman and Bronson.

Q: Best team you clashed with in the WYC?

A: Argentina was a hard and skilled outfit, but England was by far the toughest, as they threw everything at us the last 25 minutes and we soaked it all up.

Cameroon got away from us because it was our own fault. Too many of us pushed up at the wrong time and it was a real battle to pull back from being down 3-1 to level the scores at 3-all.

Q: Which back-four has been the best you've played against so far?

A: Hard to say really. Cameroon was fast. Argentina was hard, but England was both, as well as being far more organised at the back and really tough. With their captain Paul Allen calling the shots for England, I would say overall

they really stretched us right out with enormous defence and very pacy "break-outs". Yes, England was by far the best balanced outfit we have clashed with. At full-time, we both knew we had been in a game. I think the huge crowd got real value for money.



MIKE WELLS

Q: Which player most impressed you in the Championship?

A: Brazil's free-back, No 5, Julio Cesar Silva. He is very impressive and intelligent.

Q: Anyone else?

A: The Cameroon striker, No 12, Eyobo. He was no joke. In fact, the whole team would have to be the surprise packet of the Championship. Also I would have to include the England captain, Paul Allen, who did an enormous amount of "screening" at the back, and directed most of the attacks with long, well directed balls up-front.

Q: What do you have to

say about Australia?

A: Magic really. Everyone has played his guts out. A great team effort. Our coach, Les Scheinflug, has controlled us well. He has had us relaxed, motivated, and keeps us going all the time. When we got knocked out by Germany in Canberra, it was the biggest disappointment of my whole life. I never went out for days. Had we won that one and got back to Sydney, we would have cracked the Coca-Cola Cup for sure.

Q: Who has been your best coach?

A: I have had a few. I learned something from most of them. Les Scheinflug had lifted me recently. State Director, Mike Wells has been very helpful to me as well. He is a highly educated coach and concentrated on reducing my own errors in a game. They have my respect, you can be sure of that.

Q: Besides yourself going overseas, Steve Blair and Jimmy Patikas are also going across to Scotland. When?

A: Steve leaves for Scotland on November 10. I don't know about Jimmy yet. It looks like he is going to Aberdeen and Steve to Celtic.

Q: Has this Championship been the pinnacle of your Soccer career?

A: So far, by a very long shot. I am thrilled to bits for the lads in the squad, as well as the whole of Australia. We went flat out all the way, with 100 per cent effort from everybody. The crowds have been tremendous to us and all the boys really appreciate their support. They helped enormously with their constant vocal backing. It was fabulous, really.

When I go to Scotland, I will miss all the lads here as well as the Australian Soccer crowds chanting... Australia, Australia. To a player, this vocal support gives a tremendous lease of energy, that enables him to push well past normal limitations. The lift is just unbelievable as every muscle and sinew in your body strives for the last drop of energy.

No matter what happens to me in Scotland, I love Australia and would insist that I am always free to wear the Green and Gold whenever, and if ever, I am called for. I'd be back in a flash. There is not a single player in the Australian squad who hasn't got the same feeling for the Australian shirt.

If this squad, Australia's Young Champions, had represented the nation in the World Cup matches from the beginning, including both clashes with New Zealand, maybe Australia would have been well on the way to the World Cup Finals in Spain next year.

How can Soccer players who have the attitude, character and tenacity shown by David Mitchell and his crew, NOT bring honour, respect and possibly glory on the international Soccer scene as the Soccerroo squads from years gone by have for Australia? Remember 1969? 1974?

ENGLAND'S SUPER MANAGER

by John Economos

John Cartwright, the England manager for the World Youth Championship, is really someone very special.

He has been given an almost impossible assignment — to transform eventually, the entire system of English Soccer.

As he put it, "Futuristic Soccer, blending the very best from Europe and South America."

Cartwright was entrusted with this project by England's Ron Greenwood.

Briefly, this is his background:

He played Soccer as a midfielder with West Ham between 1958 and '63. He moved to Crystal Palace for three years then was involved in a car crash that left him with a spinal injury for 18 months. This injury ended his playing career.

In 1973, John Cartwright got back into Soccer when Crystal Palace appointed him youth team manager, under senior coach Malcolm Allison. This position he held for four years.

In 1978, Ron Greenwood approached Cartwright and gave him the England Youth team, with a brief to be his own governor to establish a different trend for English Soccer.

John Cartwright is highly critical of English Soccer and finds it lacking in most aspects. He said: "England has bred half-players. The players that have pace but not the high skills, and players that have the skills but not the pace."

"You see, there is no freedom of play. A player is tied down. Much emphasis is on not losing, by tactics. The tactical side must come after the player has the basic skill and ability. And because of the enormous competitiveness in England, the whole situation has got right out of control and perspective."

Because of the time factor and availability, Cartwright had Youth players for two or three days per month in the Lilleshaw H.Q. where he operates from.

"Selection of players is of paramount importance in terms of new skills, etc. They MUST have basic skill already because time is very limited. I can't start from scratch. I just cannot afford the time."

The individual flair, thinking and colour has gone out of English football over the past 15-odd years, according to Cartwright. He maintains great emphasis had been placed on high work-rate and this alone. And this is just NOT good enough he claims.

"We have to try to change the type of player that now exists in English Soccer. I believe football is application."

I queried Cartwright on the unavailability of three of his players,



McKenzie, Caton and Pates.

"You see, our game and organisational structure in England is a big problem. We will do well over here. I am not frightened."

"In a recent tournament staged in Yugoslavia, I took an English Youth team there and played four matches. We scored 15 goals, had two against and were disallowed another four goals. We were called the super-squad."

"My England team was the Under 18. In this tournament, the countries that took part were Hungary, Sweden, Russia, Belgium, and Romania."

"We did play super Soccer."

He went on about the unavailability of some players for this tour.

"I was given Paul Allen, my captain, only because West Ham's manager, John Lyall, has an excellent attitude."

I asked him to elaborate a little more on his main complaints about English Soccer.

"In England, all clubs play with a 'flat back-four'. This is all wrong and it nullifies the whole game."

"Depth and width are not getting through today in England. We don't 'clear-space'."

"Consequently, the game has become static or mono-paced."

"The problem is NOT up-front, but at the back. In other words how you utilise 'spare-players' from the back."

"Front players can develop much faster if the quality of the back-four players is improved."

"The pace of the game is too fast and at a consistent pace. No breaks or rhythm."

"Build it up slower, to get into situations from where you can explode forward."

"What's been happening is, that the ball is getting knocked up too early."

"Forward pressing is also needed. Brazil is very good at this. They win the ball back in their opponents last third."

However, over-use of forward pressing can be also very dangerous.

"Just watch Brazil. They pick and space their time when they do it."

And do it effectively, they do!"

When it was suggested to Cartwright that forward pressing had come to Sydney already via Yugoslav coach, Frank Arok, and how I've seen it busted on occasions, he replied:

"Well again, that's the secret. Just when and how often you engage this tactic you can have success. Timing and rate of frequency is vital."

John Cartwright, is a young professional, highly-educated man, that has been briefed with a herculean task of transforming the entire English style of Soccer.

His wisdom, intelligence, complete mastery and clarity of the English language, makes it vital that Australia asks this man to come out here and give seminars to all our senior advanced coaches, so that they too may elevate their own resources of coaching knowledge to improve our own local Soccer product.

Would it not be far more economic for John Cartwright to come on such a mission to Australia, than for 100-odd coaches to go overseas and individually seek the same?

The year of Soccer in Australia — that's 1981. During the months of the season which ended on Sunday officially, many interesting and important events took place.

We were greatly disappointed and embittered by the elimination of our national team from the World Cup to be held in Spain. We were encouraged, however, and fulfilled with joy, pride and optimism by the great self-esteem, fighting spirit and the vigour of our youths. They have nothing to envy from other countries' players concerning the first sport in the world.

By taking over the organisation of the Coca-Cola third World Youth Cup, we have been tested, by FIFA and by all the world. We did quite well, for a first time. Of course, some mistakes were made. Mistakes however, will always occur, especially in such complicated and big events as a World Championship.

Now that the organising has ended (which was one of the biggest sports organisational jobs in Australia after the Melbourne Olympics in 1956), we must stop and analyse every aspect. Surely we will find positive conclusions from which we will cover our mistakes, improve our weaknesses and develop our advantages.

Experiences, such as the fiasco at the Sydney Cricket Ground, must be a starting point, for the change of attitude which the Soccer fans are waiting for from the Minister of Sport in NSW.

It is incomprehensible, shameful and unforgivable for a city of three million people to say they have a sports minister, but they don't have a Soccer stadium up to date with all the comforts and necessary facilities for the security of the spectators and the players.

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS



The last few brawls at matches of which so much has been said, don't differ at all from those which occur every day in the pubs, streets, gatherings, demonstrations, even with a smaller mass of people. We have reached another worrying point — students from two schools fighting for hours. The behaviour of hooligans is not evidence that Soccer people are corrupted as some present them. It is evidence, however, of society that has lost its orbit.

The fact that these trouble-makers are a few Englishmen who presented themselves only in their national team games is good luck for our Soccer, which doesn't have them as supporters and doesn't need them.

It is a pity and unjust that Australia was absent from the Cup Final. We honestly missed a great chance to show the splendour of Soccer in electric atmosphere which would be created from 50,000 real supporters.

To all those people who worked very hard so that we could see the games, I think we must say a warm "thank you".

GOLDEN SHOE MARK

An Australian player, Mark Koussas, won the coveted Adidas "Golden Shoe" award in the World Youth Championships.

Koussas, who finished with four goals along with Egypt's Taher Amer, West Germany's Roland Wohlfarth and Ralph Loose, and Romania's Romulus Gabor, beat his four rivals on a countback.

tributed.

When he heard he had won, Koussas, with his parents — who were at the Apia club for the farewell dinner and presentations — wept with joy.

The Egyptian was awarded the Silver Shoe while the two Germans shared the Bronze Shoe.

In the "Golden Ball" contest for the outstanding player in the Coca-Cola

Cup, Romania's Romulus Gabor topped the poll.

West Germany's excellent libero Michael Zorc came second and another German, winger Roland Wohlfarth, took third place.

More honour came to the outstanding Australian team which collected the cut glass fair play trophy — the only team to go through the series without one yellow card.



MARK KOUSSAS WITH HIS GOLDEN SHOE, CONGRATULATED BY ASW'S DAVID JACK (LEFT), BRAD EARL AND JOHN ECONOMOS

SOCCER SHORT SHOTS

By John Economos

MARCONI:

Marconi Soccer Club, after experiencing a most unhappy 1981 PSL season, have signed Croatia's coach, Dom Kapetanovic, for 1982.

An official statement will be made tomorrow by the Marconi club.

Marconi Soccer chairman, Mr Anthony Labbozzetta, said last night: "I am more than pleased to have the opportunity to work with such a highly professional and ethical man. At the moment, I am quietly excited about Marconi's future."

MITCHELL:

Australia's Young Champion striker, David Mitchell, left with the Australian Soccer team for Peking yesterday, thoroughly confused.

He has no idea what club he will be playing Soccer with next year. At the moment, he has been approached by three clubs, England's Norwich City, Scotland's Rangers, and last week by a Sydney PSL club.

"Mitch" still has a year to serve under his contract with Adelaide City.

Young David, wearing the Australian No 9 shirt, had an outstanding series for Australia in the WYC and was involved in almost every goal scored by Australia. His flicks and knocks up-front proved invaluable to the national Youth team.

Our best wishes go to young David in his quest for further progress in his Soccer career.

CHAMPION COACH:

Sydney City's champion coach, Eddie Thomson, left for Scotland last Tuesday morning due to an illness in the family.

While in his native country, Eddie will look up his old acquaintances from his club, Aberdeen, where he played professional Soccer before going to San Antonio Thunder, a Texan club in the NASL.

Joining him soon in Scotland, will be Sydney City's tough young midfielder, Jimmy (Zorba) Patikas, who will trial with Aberdeen.

Patikas left with the Australian Youth team for Peking yesterday, and will head for Scotland straight from Peking after the completion of the tournament there.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC LOB INTO LONDON:

Dougie Collins' Sydney Olympic lads blast off for England on November 2 when they catch the Alitalia flight on Sunday afternoon bound for London.

Their first match is against Manchester United at Old Trafford on November 4. They then go across to play Tommy Docherty's Preston N.E. on November 8.

Three days later, they have a match against Leicester City. The club has been assured by Leicester that they would play the first team against Sydney Olympic for at the first half of the match.

After this match, they fly out of England for Singapore for a match there, and are due back in Sydney on November 21.

Guesting with the Sydney Olympic touring squad will be Heidelberg's crack midfielder, Jimmy Campbell. However, this is not to be taken as a sign that Olympic is out after Campbell, as Heidelberg would not wear this.

YOUNG CHAMPIONS HIT CHINA:

The Australian Youth squad for the China tour will be the same as for the WYC, with the exception of David Skeen, Johnny Little and Howard Tredinnick, who all cannot get anymore time off work.

Australia's Young Champions will play three matches in the round robin tournament in Peking. The matches are: Oct 21 against the USA at 6 pm.

Oct 23 against Egypt at 6 pm.

Oct 25 against China at 8 pm.

The Australian team is due back at Mascot airport, flight Cathay Pacific, October 28, 9.55 am.

Strange, to say the least, but two of the three Young Champions not travelling because of work commitments are employed by one of Australia's largest companies, which previously has gone on record as saying "they will always be right behind Australian sportsmen".

HONG KONG "ROCKET":

Marconi's flying winger, Peter (Rocket) Sharne, has gone to play professional Soccer in Hong Kong with the Eastern Football Club during the Australian off-season.

Over in Hong Kong with Sharney is his team-mate, giant Scottish stopper, Jimbo Muir.

Both are expected back just after Christmas for pre-season training with their club Marconi.

\$65,000 FOR "CRUNCHIE":

Marconi's World Cup striker, Eddie Krncevic, is presently trying his luck in Soccer in Yugoslavia, with Dinamo Zagreb.

Whilst trialling with the Yugoslav club, "Crunchie" has cracked in eight goals in three matches and has impressed club officials. So much so, that the Yugoslav club is expected sometime this week to make an offer to Marconi for the striker.

It is believed that Marconi will set a fee of \$65,000 on Eddie's head, but Marconi's president will insist that should Krncevic return to Australia in the future, Marconi must have first option to re-purchase the international striker.



Krncevic

HENDO BACK TO ENGLAND:

Australian World Cup central defender, Tony Henderson, flies back to England at the end of November for five weeks holiday.

Whilst he's over there, Tony will visit his brother Mick, who plays with Elton John's popular club, Watford.

Hendo has been asked by the Marconi club to scout around for any good quality English players that would like to come over and play Soccer in Australia.

Henderson is currently employed by a Datsun dealer, North Shore Datsun at Greenwich, which accounts for why the north side of the harbour is now flooded out with Datsun units all over the place.

ROOS TOUR

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cilled in for the tour, but he had to withdraw and Wright, a striker, was brought in.

The full squad is: Glen Ahearn, Dennis Ivanac, Rob Wheatley, McKie, Brett Woods, Steve Blair, Oscar Crino, Paul Kay, Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Patikas, Grant Lee, Dennis Colusso, Carbone, Fabio Incantalupo, Ian Hunter, David Mitchell, Mark Koussas, Wright.

The match schedule is: Wednesday October 21 (tomorrow) v USA; Friday Oct 23 v Egypt; Sunday Oct 25 v China.

The trip is jointly being financed by Coca-Cola and the ASF. Coca-Cola are handling the cost of air fares, accommodation and meals.

Brian Le Fevre estimates the Federation's commitment to making up wages and all incidentals at approximately \$10,000.

The ability of the Australians to stand up and be counted in the company of some of the world's best youth teams has drawn an enthusiastic response from Patrick Nally of the world-wide West & Nally organisation.

And their strong showing seems certain to result in another two-year sponsorship for the next young Soccer team for the 1983

FIFA championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

National coach Scheinflug will again be assisted by Raul Blanco.

Experienced ASF vice-president, Michael Weinstein, heads the delegation, Brian Emery will attend to the administration, Charlie Jurisic is the physiotherapist and Roger Musgrove gear steward.

Neither Dr Siri Kannan-gara nor Dr Brian Corrigan are available to act as medico, but the team will rely on the Egyptian team's doctor for any attention.

Scheinflug is hoping and praying that the likes of Steve Blair, David Mitchell, Mark Koussas and Peter Katholos will be back in Australia shortly after trying out in Europe.

He commented: "Australia is too good a place for players to leave."

"If they are not instant successes overseas then I believe they will be back soon."

"It is very hard for a player to be an instant success with the big European clubs because there is such pressure for places."

The foundation of the next Australian Youth team has been laid in the Australian under 18 championship held earlier in the year.

The next WYC is a long

way off, but there is certainly a basis of talent.

Jim Patikas (Sydney City) and Fabio Incantalupo (Melbourne Juventus) are the two 1981 squad members who are eligible for 1983.

Wright's inclusion for China has showed that Scheinflug sees him as a major prospect for 1983.

For this tour, Scheinflug would also have liked to have taken Melita Eagles' libero, Paul Daley, who he regards as part of his reserve strength.

The 1983 WYC squad should be moulded around those four players, while former national coach Jim Shoulder has selected the basic 42 players from which the ultimate squad will come.

Included are Bruno Cozzella, Michael McLaughlin, Tom McCulloch, David Miller, Carl Simich, George Fernandez, Alan Hunter and Peter Rankin.

Never before have Australian youth players received such opportunities to learn their football in such a professional manner.

And that explosive Australian style is developing all the time.

ASW REVIEWS THE 1981 PSL

PRESTON SURVIVE THEIR BAPTISM

By Greg Blake

Preston began their inaugural PSL season with that same dashing, swashbuckling style that was to become their hallmark throughout the year.

Under Brian Edgley the Rams won a reputation as entertainers, and admirers were quick to heap praise on the adventurous style of the newcomers from Victoria.

Friends were many — results, however, were not. The deficiencies of the 1980 State League Championship winners began to take their toll.

As the season swung into July those weaknesses, which the club had either refused to recognize or simply ignored, had dropped them into the thick of the relegation battle.

A tremendous goalscoring record was nullified by a horrific defensive record. Change had to come.

Edgley resigned and Peter Ollerton, ex-Socceroo and veteran of a number of clubs, took charge.

Ollerton, with capable deputy John Kennedy advising him from the sidelines, started as player-coach and his appointment sparked a remarkable about-face in fortunes for the team.

Ollerton had little time to dabble in the transfer market but snapped up Peter Boyle from West Adelaide and Isaac Farrell from Canberra in what seemed a hasty rush.

But, in retrospect, both played key roles in the transformation of the team, as did Kiwi goalkeeper Richard Wilson.

Injuries, suspension and some disenchantment amongst the players when things weren't going well all took their toll.

But Ollie instilled a marvellous team spirit — something he insisted was

vital when he took up his appointment — and the benefits were seen in the results.

The Ollerton purge saw the end, at Preston anyway, of a number of the stalwarts of their championship win the previous season.

Out went Jeff Faulkner, Lou Kastner, John Higham and a number of others.

Casualties also were some late Edgley signings like Terry Nolan from Southport and Danny McCluskey from Frankston.

Big Gary Ward, club top-scorer in 1980, recovered from a close season broken leg only to break the very same leg early in the season as he was battling his way back into the side.

Although his presence was missed, it was not up front where the Rams suffered.

Two close-season signings, Alan Whittle and Doug Brown, were magnificent.

Brown from Sheffield United, was enigmatic and, apparently, sometimes a little hard to handle. However he was, for most of the season, a brilliant, explosive player and the scorer of some cracking goals. Whittle, ex-Everton and Crystal Palace, somehow became a target for the Preston boo-boys despite a fine season where he was adjudged the Rams' best player by ASW writers in their player of the year award.

There was the impish, dancing figure of Robbie Cullen who tormented defences for most of the season before he underwent a self-imposed exile from

football due to personal problems.

He came back towards the end of the season.

Of course big 'Ollie' himself finished top-scorer for the side despite having played just as well in the heart of the defence for a number of weeks as well as spending as much time again on the bench.

Claude Lucchesi moved up from midfield to fill in up front late in the year, although he had been a striker originally, and showed some delightful skills and devastating finishing touches.

In midfield there was Boyle the grafter, Flavell providing the strength and tenacity, and Farrell the architect.

Farrell was, at times, outstanding, and Canberra, had they seen his performances in the second half of the season, would find it hard to vindicate their decision to sell him.

At the back the giant form of Wilson took over from the promising Gary Clayton in goal.

Full-backs, Mike Rainey and Steve Beech, were very consistent and hard-working, although they had started the season as players unlikely to hold down first-team places according to the club at the time. Ljube Petrovski at his best is one of the most cultured sweepers in the game.

George McMillan couldn't win his place back in the side on a regular basis in his accustomed central striker's role and, upon taking over the side, Ollerton reverted him to the position he had played when he came to the

country from Scotland — central defence.

He was a revelation with his dogged marking, biting tackles and a flair for turning defence into attack.

Mike McIvor and John Little had only the rarest of opportunities to show their worth.

Ollerton expects to make quite a number of changes to the playing staff over the summer months but I daresay he already has the makings of a potentially fine side.

The club is still one of the most progressive in Victoria.

After falling so low at one stage the Rams did well to finish six points clear of relegation, and I doubt they'll have the same problems next season.

Highlights of the year would have been — apart from some of Doug Brown's goals — a smart 3-1 win over Leichhardt, a 5-0 creaming of the Wolves at home, a tremendous performance against Marconi at home where they were desperately unlucky, a thrill-packed draw at home to South Melbourne in front of their largest crowd of the season and a 4-1 loss in Newcastle.

It was in Newcastle where, despite three first-team regulars being absent, that Preston displayed all the willingness to attack that won them many friends on their first day.

If they continue playing like this and win regularly — as they did towards the end of the season — they could eventually become one of the national competition's top sides.

CANBERRA'S BEST YEAR

By Steve Burns

Fact they say, is always stranger than fiction. And the fact is despite finishing in their best-ever position in 1981, Canberra Arrows' fans deserted them in droves.

This despite a year of the most attacking, constructive and dynamic football since the club's baptism just over five years ago.

Why the small crowds and the unfulfilled aspirations is difficult to pinpoint. But a look at 1981 in detail.

It began, as usual, with much ballyhoo and the appointment of a then unknown coaching entity in our Scot George Murray.

Under his guidance the Arrows had a dream start. The team was unbeaten until the fifth round when it lost 2-1 to West Adelaide. Tragically, it was a home loss and the Arrows played abominably. Yet just seven days before, they had beaten eventual premier Sydney City in Sydney.

Perhaps here is a clue. "Here it comes again," muttered long-suffering fans. "When are we going to be consistent?"

Murray, by then a proven professional and straight shooter, promised consistency and dedication would be the team's bible.

Next week it worked like a charm.

The Arrows travelled to Sydney, took on mighty Marconi and tore them apart for a 2-0 victory in what many still rate one of the season's best victories just as others still talk of Walter Valeri's goal that day as magic.

Even George Murray was heard to remark that it was one of the best goals he had ever seen — anywhere.

Fans, in the past so disappointed, waited. Would the form continue? Sydney Olympians were beaten, then Heidelberg in Melbourne.

Record. Eight games — one loss. Superb.

And Canberra were front-runners. In reflection it was Canberra's best spell of the season, and the best start in the club's history.

Then problems. Key midfielder Duncan Cole and goalkeeper Richard Wilson left for Kiwi World Cup duty and missed six or seven games.

Wilson's replacement came in Steve Hoszowski, who took over the goal-keeping mantle with vigour and courage and his form was such that Wilson never regained his spot.

Cole, because of Canberra's strength in midfield and backline, was replaceable, but he was missed.

It wasn't until the 10th round that Canberra lost again — to Brisbane Lions. But again they rallied, took on Blacktown and Newcastle and beat them both.

Still among the front-runners. Then unlucky 13 — the 13th round loss to Leichhardt, a victory and then a 2-2 draw against Melbourne Gunners after leading at one stage 2-0 and deserving to lead after a scintillating display.

Even at this stage Canberra had proved that they could take on the very best and beat them.

It was against the less-fancied teams that they faltered.

Yet at the half-way stage things were good, but still crowds were down.

And then came solid blow after solid blow.

Giampaolo had of course, gone, Purdie and Gib-

son were his replacements from Scotland in a straight business deal, but now Wilson and Isaac Farrell went to Preston.

A savage blow which exposed Canberra's fragility in depth of talent, a fragility further exposed after the Sydney City debacle when the game was played under water and Roy Stark was out for the season — perhaps forever with an aggravated knee injury.



STEVE HOSZOWSKI

Canberra persevered, but from then on it wasn't quite the same. Not surprising since in virtually one swoop a third of first team regulars had gone.

But Canberra came back and finished the season in tremendous style, by winning their last three home games and finishing fifth on the ladder.

Just two more points would have taken them into the top four.

This and one more goal meant players missing out reputedly, on bonuses wor-

th almost \$1,200 a man.

Hopefully, given that final position and the entertaining brand of Soccer produced, fans will return in 1982.

Murray's acquisition was vindicated totally. Teenager John Moutsopoulos established himself as a PSL regular and a possible Socceroo of the future. Terry Byrne became one of Australia's best sweepers and the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL Player of the Year: the O'Shea matured and proved fantastic clubmen, and on his day speedster striker Tony Brennan looked to be amongst the most electrifying in Australian Soccer.

There were many outstanding performances.

Don MacLaren had perhaps his best season, Hoszowski did a great replacement job.

And the team, apparently, will stay together for 1982.

There will be possible acquisitions, but not many as Canberra is still a club hard up for money, and few departures.

And in Lotto and Shoprite Canberra has generous sponsors.

What of 1982?

Guest players: "I doubt it," said coach George Murray.

"1981 was a good season. I'm happy with it — but I know we could have done better."

"We have the talent".

O'SHEA BOYS WERE BUSY

Roy Stark — if he ever plays again — is still Canberra Arrows most used player with 102 League, Philips Cup and Prime Minister's Cup appearances.

But the busiest players in the 1981 season were the brothers O'Shea.

Philips and Prime Minister's Cup games added to League gave young Michael O'Shea a fantastic 34 games. Elder brother John had 32 — as did Robert.

The only other player with 32 games during the year was Don MacLaren who had his best season since joining Canberra.

The table of appearances for the PSL squad as it was at the beginning of the 1981 season (with total club appearances also listed) makes interesting reading.

It is:

PLAYER	APPEARANCES		GOALS		TOTAL
	TOTAL 1981	PSL CUP 1981	PSL	PHILIPS CUP	
Wilson	12	2	10		36
M O'Shea	34	3	31		44
Williams	21	2	19		48
Cole	26	2	24	1	54
J. O'Shea	32	2	30	3	62
Stark	16	2	14		102
R. O'Shea	32	3	31	3	60
Byrne	31	3	28	2	114
Valeri	28	3	25	9	55
McLaren	32	3	29	5	70
Brennan	31	3	28	5	53
Giampaolo	5	1	4		29
Farrell	22	3	19	1	67
Massa	24	2	22		24
Moutsopoulos	13	0	13		13
Hoszowski	22	1	21		61
Gibson	26	1	25	8	26
Purdie	23	1	22	4	23
Stone	3	0	3		3

GUNNERS LACK FINISHING POWER

By Peter Georgiou

South Melbourne players, officials and supporters found it hard to stomach finishing second in the league - 1981 was the year the Gunners expected to win the title.

After bad times in the early years of the PSL, Souths did well to finish third last year.

But 1981 was different. Souths were ready for the big one.

They were convinced they had the coach to steer them to the title.

John Margaritis is a man of few words and plenty of action and he worked hard with his players.

Souths had the players. They were experienced.

But one of those experienced men, midfielder John Stevenson, didn't have a good year at Souths.

Margaritis, a conservative coach, rarely creates chances for young players. He prefers mature and experienced ones.

There were, of course, youngsters like Steve Blair and Alan Davidson and they made the best of their chances. Thank goodness it happened, as both are brilliant players.

It was only when injuries crippled the squad that

youngsters like Paylidis were called to fill the gaps.

Young players like Steve Kakantonis and Kiri Kyriakoulas were released from the club as unsuitable. Both joined Footscray and played with success while Souths were crying out for capable reserves.

Despite all that, South Melbourne were equal favourites for the title and had a very good start. In fact they were ahead by four points for quite some time.

Then suddenly everything started to go wrong. Suddenly they were not winning games. I think that lead of four points gave them a psychological edge over the others. But I also think they didn't take their opponents seriously.

They went six weeks without a win. That four point lead vanished quickly and before they knew what was happening they were a point behind the new leader.

They decided they



John Margaritis

needed a striker to help Alun Evans who gave everything this year. After an unsuccessful attempt to get Gary Cole, team manager Leo Anezakis and Margaritis flew to New Zealand and signed international Steve Wooddin.

Wooddin is a very good player but he hasn't shown his best yet.

Then came injuries and they were moments that even John Margaritis was sorry he allowed the club to

clear players like Kakantonis and Kyriakoulas as he was looking for replacements for his injured players.

South Melbourne was one of the best teams this year and in a last ditch effort came back only to finish second behind Sydney City.

There was no title for the Gunners. They failed even in the Philips Cup.

Under any other circumstances second place is a very good achievement.

Their faithful fans, however, wanted a title.

It wasn't bad luck, injuries or any other excuse why they are not the champions for 1981.

It was only a series of basic mistakes in every department and they have only themselves to blame.

There is 1982 coming up. Margaritis is staying for another two years and that's a good sign.

If they don't repeat the same mistakes Souths might celebrate next year.

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A CASE OF MUSICAL CHAIRS AT NEWCASTLE

NEWCASTLE — TEAM FOR THE 80S?

BY JOHN FIELD

Newcastle KB United, one of the best-supported teams in the Phillips Soccer League, had a stormy 1981 season involving big changes in management.

Alan Vest, who had coached the KB team ever since it entered the PSL in 1978, bowed out and was replaced, in a caretaker capacity, by local hero Ray Baartz.

As soon as Baartz took over, results improved, causing considerable pressure to be put on him to stay in the job more permanently.

Baartz, however, could not be convinced. He preferred to look after his business affairs and leave the headaches of coaching in other hands. So Ken Kaiser took the reins late last month, having served his apprenticeship with the KB youth squad.

Another major upheaval brought the resignation of club secretary Paul Trisley, an administrator who had been a dominant figure in Newcastle's progress in the PSL. Trisley will certainly be missed.

There has never been an abundance of cash in the kitty at Newcastle, despite the team's healthy match attendances. This will remain the big problem.

It almost certainly caused outstanding players like Ken Boden, Peter Tredinnick and Arno Bertogna to be transferred. With those players still in the KB ranks, perhaps the championship might have been possible this year.

Instead, KB had to settle for a middle of the table position, picking up 30 points with a goal aggregate of 41 for and 41 against.

Newcastle took a big step into "guest" player recruiting by luring the excellent Mick Channon here from Southampton in the English first division. Unlike several other guests with other clubs, Channon was an instant hit in the KB side and gave full value for money during his short stay in Australia.

There was much to admire among the regular members of the side, too. Phil Dando was a consistent goalkeeper and young Howard Tredinnick was given his grounding for

the World Youth Championship as a full-back with KB. Craig Mason filled in well for the departed Bertogna and the ever-consistent Roy Drinkwater and Col Curran, despite injury, were consistent.

At times, English forward Graham Heys looked one of the most dangerous players in the PSL.

But for sheer consistency, Newcastle's top performer in the 1981 season would have to be Joe Senkalski. At one time, Senkalski looked a certainty for selection in Rudi Gutendorf's World Cup squad, but that did not eventuate.

If he did not pull up any trees in the international arena, Senkalski certainly impressed judges in the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — MARCONI TRAVEL "player of the year" contest.

He totted up 32 points, only two behind the winner, Terry Byrne, finishing a worthy runner-up in the contest. KB fans will hope Senkalski does not follow Boden, Bertogna and Peter Tredinnick on the transfer trail.

The future for Newcastle KB looks promising enough although the financial difficulties, facing practically all clubs in the national league, will not be easily overcome.

If Newcastle KB United had its own ground and licensed club, much of the worry over cash would be eliminated. That is why there has been so much effort put into the securing of such assets.

The team has proved it is capable of pulling in good crowds and has done remarkably well to put soccer on the pedestal as the city's number one sport, even though some people still imagine Newcastle is a Rugby League town.

In view of the rapidly-increasing expenses associated with keeping a team in the national league, perhaps Newcastle would be advised to investigate the possibility of joining the proposed NSW Super League in the future.

Expenses would certainly be slashed and crowds would probably increase.

Though the proud boast of one of the Newcastle KB Raiders' stickers reads "Newcastle IS United", there was a time, mid-term 1981, when it was not so. Obviously the resignation of Alan Vest, soon followed by Frank Campbell, indicated that such was the case but it had a deeper meaning, repeated often but not always heeded.

When Alan Vest was selected as coach, his track record was as good as any, especially when the W.A. efforts in the Merdeka tournament are analysed.

With a Soccer-hungry Newcastle behind him and pride bursting forth in the team, United strove to, if not great heights, then something which would do. The side was, after all, a low budget one, and couldn't expect to beat the teams of the larger metropolitan areas.

Problem is, that attitude cannot be sustained indefinitely. Supporters want more and, when the side strung together a set of fine wins early in 1981, they could at last smell a title. Alas, the perfume faded and the scent was lost. Pride was hurt and a scapegoat needed. The dressing room was not a totally happy place in those times and the battle lines were clearly drawn — Vest or anti-Vest.

When Malcolm McClelland went, it looked ominous for the rest of the season. Yet, within a few weeks, Vest and Campbell were gone, Ray Baartz was appointed (and resigned several times in the space of a week, but eventually stayed) and Newcastle turned the corner, with hardly a loss on the way home — but too many draws.

The lessons are plain for the man who now follows, Ken Kaiser.

Alan Vest has a lot of plusses as a coach, but I believe his Achilles heel is his firm belief that Australian players do not have the dedication required to make it at top level. Hence his annual trek to bring players from the "old country", as well as Englishmen from nearer home. The names Reaney, Drinkwater, Dando and Boden are now familiar as representing class and reliability. They are on the credit side; even his detractors cannot deny that. It is at the next point that Vest's problems started.

I once questioned him about certain Northern NSW State League players and, I must admit, was somewhat shattered by his reply. It was clear he considered none up to standard. I had always thought that they should be more highly thought of than that. My opinion was vindicated when some did make the grade with other PSL clubs.

One factor that weighed heavily against Alan with the local committee, whether or not they choose to publicly air it, was the continual omission of Joe Senkalski from his line-up after he had been signed from Sydney Olympic.

It was felt by most United supporters that even if all others were not up to standard, at least Joe had what it takes. Yet it took an injury-ridden team to allow Joe to score his debut hat-trick. The pressure to keep him in was then enormous.

It is no secret that Col Curran was not on Alan's shopping list, Howard Tredinnick was kept waiting until injuries to others allowed him in and Malcolm McClelland, who gave the now famous "I go or he goes" ultimatum, never lost any love when Vest finally did go.

These anti-local player sentiments, whether justified or not, were certain to keep some of the local supporters and committee offside, so that when problems did surface, Vest's enemies had ammunition.

Certain facts came to me that indicate Alan was expecting guns to be fired and prepared well in advance.

So he was lost to Newcastle, having given much, having taken some, having left lessons for others to note.

New coach Ken Kaiser is blessed with a mind to the future and has only taken on the job part-time. "then if it doesn't work out I don't have to leave

the area."

Dave McQuire is his trainer. His job also has greater relevance than may be realised. The team has always been plagued by injuries; perhaps better conditioning and muscle toning could cut down on that problem.

Kaiser is the boss however, and his observations at his stage make interesting reading. On the subject of imports he feels that the Raiders have as many as any team in the competition and "it's time to build up the squad from the local area."

With that policy in mind, letters of intent have been sent to Andy Stan-kovic (flank defender), Trevor Smythe (central defender/midfield), Brett Gemmill (midfield), John McQuarrie (midfield) and Victor Hogan. They represent the cream of Northern NSW football and none is more anxiously awaited than Hogan.

If, and I emphasise that word, he fulfils his potential after he hopefully signs for the Raiders, Newcastle could well boast the most deadly forward duo in the national league — and it would be home-grown. A pairing of McClelland and Hogan inspires my imagination as the contrast and balance appear to be there.

Having spawned and lost Peter Tredinnick, Graham Jennings and Marshall Soper, it would be wonderful to see home-grown talent not lost to the area. Maybe another Craig Johnston, Peter Stone or Ray Baartz awaits, while Howard Tredinnick has already filled his illustrious predecessor's shoes.

Maybe next year they will take advantage of his blistering left foot free-kicks as well.

An astute Kaiser observation of the current Youth Championship came after Qatar beat Brazil — "Look at them, the total population of the country is less than Newcastle and they have world standard in youth." It was also apparent that he felt it was a fitting example of what a coach could achieve if so inclined.

So far, he only has three players signed. Bob Mountford (badly broken leg), Ian Buckley (just had a knee operation) and Malcolm McClelland all have another year of two-year contracts remaining. However, Mountford, after his accident at Wollongong recently, had his leg pinned and may only be resting for 12 weeks, while Buckley's operation is to render him free of his recurring knee troubles. He rates highly with Kaiser who sees him as part of his striking power.

No other players have said they will not re-sign and many local hopefuls have been ringing requesting trials, so the picture is not as bleak as it first appears.

The "English aggression" as epitomised by players such as Drinkwater and Reaney will still be there, while quality distributors like Mason and Senkalski will now have others of their ilk in the wings.

Dando is equal to any keeper when the ball is below eye level and will likely stay with Drinkwater, so the key question remaining is — when will New Zealand bow out of the World Cup and free Summer? He is the type of player who can make the difference between finishing second or winning.

Hopefully we will also see Channon as guest again. It was during his stay that Newcastle played their finest football with three highly talented midfielders all working together.

While promise was not fulfilled in 1981 and a new blend may not reach the very top in 1982, the policies chosen by Kaiser may well be the envy of others in 1983 (the summer) and Newcastle may then be the team of the 80s.

A BAD YEAR FOR HEIDELBERG

By Peter Georgiou

Heidelberg had one of its worst years in the national league in 1981.

After the retirement of former president Jim Mangopoulos, everything seemed to go wrong for the new president Arthur Loustas, despite his zest for work and his willingness to get Heidelberg to the top.

There was trouble at Heidelberg involving coach and players.

The club has a record that no other club should try to copy. They never finished a season in the Phillips league with the same coach, and Arthur Loustas found it very hard to handle that.

Manny Poulakakis started as coach after Len McKendry did not renew his contract. And then came Jimmy Rooney.

Rooney found the going hard too and it was McKendry who finally rescued the club.

Heidelberg moved away from the bottom and managed to finish in the middle of the league.

Two new players came from Ireland, defender Monagle and striker McGrory.

Neither one convinced the coach they deserved a regular place in the team. In fact that brought friction between publicity man Ollie Norris and Len McKendry.

Another English player called McLeod made an appearance on the bench but said McKendry: "They don't train them well in England."

So it was left to the regulars to do the job, and they did it.

It may seem a pretty gloomy picture but that was Heidelberg in 1981.

At least on the credit side, Gary Cole got among the goals once again and must be congratulated on topping the PSL's goalscoring charts.

Those goals earned Cole a colour TV in the ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL contest.

Heidelberg's loyal fans will be hoping for something much better from the team when the 1982 season kicks off. It will surely be an improvement on this year's situation.

BRISBANE LIONS

PLAYER	MATCHES	CLUB TOTAL
Jim Hermiston	29	107
Alan Niven	27	107
Paul Ontong	26 (2)	87
Col Bennett	25	123
Steven Hogg	25 (3)	53
Bobby Ferris	25 (5)	30
Nigel Lownds	22 (2)	79
Jim McLean	15 (12)	27
Craig Low	15 (4)	22
Ron Millman	12 (1)	51
Calvin Daunt	12 (6)	23
Gerry Lindsay	11 (1)	33
Billy Williamson	11	11
Graham Wilson	8 (3)	45
Tony Scanlan	6 (2)	28
Mark McNaughton	5 (9)	35
Paul Burns	5 (1)	9
John Ogden	4 (11)	46
Bob Latchford	2 (2)	4
Lyle Bryce	2 (5)	7
Steve Konstaninou	1 (7)	8
Danny Wright	1 (2)	22
Johan Verweij	— (2)	22
Tom McGregor	— (2)	16

*Does not include Cup matches

BRISBANE CITY

PLAYER	MATCHES	CLUB TOTAL
Billy Wilkinson	30	78
David Ratcliffe	38	79
Frank Pimblett	28 (1)	117
Paul Wilkinson	28 (1)	29
Jimmy Dunne	27 (1)	28
Larry Gaffney	26 (3)	123
Bobby Hamilton	24 (3)	45
Martin Coe	21	32
Steve Perry	16 (4)	95
Joe Palinkas	15 (7)	43
Kevin Caldwell	13 (4)	106
Barry Kelso	12 (8)	78
John McVeigh	10	17
Kim Wishart	9	76
Willie Conner	7 (9)	68
David Vincenzino	3 (6)	13
Kevin Low	1 (4)	50
Mickey Tripp	1	6
Dominic Confessore	— (8)	5
Angelo Falco	— (1)	1

*Does not include Cup matches

ASW REVIEWS THE 1981 PSL

SLICKERS NEVER IN DANGER

by David Jack

There were never really much doubt that Sydney City Slickers would finish on top of the heap in the 1981 Philips Soccer League.

For a time, hopes were high in South Melbourne. There was also brief challenges from other clubs like Adelaide City, Brisbane City and Canberra Arrows.

Yet through it all, the Slickers kept plugging away, picking up points consistently — both home and away — and revealing the sort of staying power no other team could match.

There are many reasons for the success of Sydney City, who have now won three of the five PSL titles since the inception of the competition in 1977.

Basically, the club is controlled by administrators who know what the game is all about. Andrew "godfather" Lederer is a case in point. His burning ambition every year is to guide Sydney City to the title and he has obviously discovered how that's done.

Lederer works closely with coach Eddie Thomson and, while the pair obviously have differences, they seem to be on the same wavelength, putting the welfare of the team above everything else.

Thomson has proved himself a top coach in a very short career. He seems sure to be voted "coach of the year" by the Soccer Press Association.

Yet when everything is considered, it is players,

not managers, directors or coaches, who win football titles.

This year, and indeed in most years, Sydney City had the right players.

This sort of initiative has to pay dividends.

Looking at the players who brought the title to Bondi Beach this year, two stand out among a team of

forward line.

Souness, on the other hand, is the complete all-rounder. Throw him in at full-back, midfield or even as a striker and he'll give value for money.

As a utility player, Souness is particularly valuable. In the matches in which he filled in for right-



JOE WATSON NIPS ROUND BUGSY NYSKOHUS

Their kitty seems bottomless. If they want a star recruit, they go out and buy him. They paid plenty for players like John Kosmina and Kenny Boden. And you may be sure that similar expensive buys will again be made if Slickers decide they need more players.

much talent. The two are Ian Souness and Joe Watson.

Basically both midfielders, they play contrasting styles of football. Watson is essentially a creative searcher for goals, as befits a player who has spent most of his career in the

back Kevin Mullen, he was excellent — yet some people insist the midfield should be his territory.

Although I sorted out Watson and Souness, Slickers are no two-man team.

Goalkeeper Todd Clarke bounced back to his best, despite having to spend

increased time at his outside job. John Spanos played with all the maturity of an old stager though he is still just a boy. Jim Patikas became a first team regular and looks likely to go on to great things.

Bringing Alec Robertson back from Scotland strengthened an already-strong defence, particularly as Ian Bruce was kept out of several matches with injury. This is the sort of planning which wins

championships — even though few clubs have the resources to carry a first-team squad as big or as good as Slickers.

John Kosmina enjoyed a useful, if not brilliant, debut season in Sydney, while Kenny Boden had some wonderful matches mixed with a few in which he appeared slightly off-colour.

The true merit in the Slickers side was demonstrated in the final

PSL table when the team finished clearly ahead of the field with 43 points... four better than South Melbourne. At home, Slickers chalked up 11 wins and four draws with no defeats. Their 15 away matches yielded 17 points.

Sydney City's goals tally (59) was their highest since the PSL kicked off in 1977.

Australian Soccer should indeed congratulate Sydney City Slickers, worthy top dogs once again.

P.S.L. TOP SCORERS

ADELAIDE CITY: 46

9 Mitchell
8 J. Nyskohus
6 Northcote
4 Russell, Melta
3 Villani, Marocchi, Jones
2 Fashanu
1 B. Nyskohus, Manou, Perin
og. Ankudinoff (SO)

3 Hughes, Kafka, Morsello, Bradley
2 Butler
1 Wilson, Pirie

NEWCASTLE KB: 41

7 Mountford
5 Heys, Senkalski
3 Drinkwater, Channon, Sumner
2 McClelland, Buckley, Bertogna, Jones, Storey, Stamp
1 Mason, Karasz, Tredinnick

MARCONI: 23

6 Jankovics, Sharne
4 Krncevic
2 Byrne, Johnston
1 Muir, Picioane, Mariani

BLACKTOWN: 32

4 Cuk, O'Donnell, Burrows, Djordjevic, Jones
3 Culina
2 Turner, Wallace
1 Hormazabal, Selvage, Pointer, Krstic, Rasmussen

BRISBANE CITY: 37

12 P. Wilkinson
8 Hamilton
4 Kelso
3 Gaffney
2 Palinkas, Caldwell, Conner
1 McVeigh, Vincencino, Ratcliffe
og. Jones (AC)

PRESTON: 39

10 Ollerton
8 Lucchessi
7 Brown
6 Cullen
2 Little, Whittle
1 Ward, Higham, Flavell
og. Fontana (W)

BRISBANE LIONS: 41

9 Williamson
5 Millman, Bennett
4 Ferris, Latchford, Low
3 Hermiston
2 Hogg, Bryce, Daunt
1 McNaughton

SOUTH MELBOURNE: 40

14 Evans
7 Christopoulos
3 Buljevic, Wooddin, Stevenson, Cummings
2 Xanthopoulos, Blair
1 Bannon, Shirra, Davidson

CANBERRA ARROWS: 40

9 Valeri
8 Gibson
5 Brennan
4 McLaren, Purdie
3 R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea
2 Byrne
1 Cole
og. Mullen (SC)

SYDNEY CITY: 60

12 Boden, Souness
11 Kosmina
10 Barnes
4 Watson
2 Gorhez, Cant
1 Bruce, O'Connor, Spanos, Mullen, Patikas

FOOTSCRAY: 32

6 Cozzella, Ilioski
5 Verweij
4 Kondarios
3 Lujic, Belic
1 Vasic, Jovanovic, Kakantonis, Boland, O'Reilly

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: 46

11 Koussas
6 Wilson
5 Jennings, Raskopoulos
4 Katholos
3 Cotton, Redfern
2 Laing, Gavin
1 Moulis, Rowden, Cross, Ziras
og. Wilson (L)

HEIDELBERG: 48

16 Cole
9 Paton
6 Campbell
3 Yzendoorn
2 Bozikas, Yankos, Taylor, McGrory
1 Tansey, Monagle, Rooney, Traveski, Selemidis
og. Kondarios (F)

WEST ADELAIDE: 25

4 Manecas
3 Boyle, Topaz, Lorenzoni
2 Bozanic, Honeyman, Forde, Smythe
1 McGregor, Brown, Tymyszczyn, Stefanopoulos

LEICHHARDT: 39

12 Soper
7 O'Connor
4 Giampaolo

WOLLONGONG: 33

7 McBreen
5 Fontana
4 Tredinnick, Adams, Lathan
3 Fleming, Campbell
2 Dunleavy
1 De Graaf

SLICKERS IN 'RELEGATION ZONE'

By Greg Blake

Sydney City may have won the 1981 PSL championship but Brisbane City are champions as best individual players, according to ASW correspondents.

Brisbane City players, in total, polled an incredible 24 more votes for the 1981

season than the Slickers.

This was ascertained from our table below compiled from all the votes awarded by ASW writers throughout the season for the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — MARCONI TRAVEL "player of the year" award.

Votes for the award, won by Canberra's Terry Byrne with 34, were given by our

men after each of the 240 PSL League games played this season.

There were 14 players from Brisbane City who polled 100 votes compared to 11 from the Slickers who could only manage a total count of 76 votes.

West Adelaide, league wooden-spooners, would have avoided relegation in

our competition after totalling 72 votes.

That would put them ahead of Blacktown on 57 and believe it or not, Brisbane Lions — officially sixth in the PSL — who managed only 61. On our table, Marconi, 14th in the PSL, finished fourth. I'm sure the table below will provide interesting reading.

	FINAL PSL POSITION	NO. OF PLAYERS TO POLL VOTES	TOP VOTE GETTER	TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED FOR TEAM
Brisbane City	3	14	Larry Gaffney 16	100
Newcastle	10	12	Joe Senkalski 32	99
Adelaide City	7	12	David Mitchell 26	97
Marconi	14	13	Tony Henderson 15	95
Preston	12	14	Alan Whittle 11	93
Canberra	5	11	Terry Byrne 34	88
South Melbourne	2	11	Alun Evans 22	84
Sydney Olympic	9	11	Peter Katholos 21	84
Leichhardt	4	10	Peter Wilson 26	83
Heidelberg	8	12	Jim Campbell 19	81
Wollongong	11	9	Chris Dunleavy 19	78
Footscray	13	11	Denis Boland 25	77
Sydney City	1	11	Ian Souness 29	76
West Adelaide	16	11	Martyn Crook 17	72
Brisbane Lions	6	8	Col Bennett 20	61
Blacktown	15	7	John Djordjevic 17	57

MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS



ENGLAND V ARGENTINA — AND DANNY WALLACE ROUNDS SERGIO GIOVAGNOLI



CAMEROON GO WILD OVER A PENALTY DECISION AGAINST ARGENTINA



NOT THE TOURING COMPANY OF "THE DESERT SONG" BUT QATAR ARRIVING BY PRIVATE JET



MICHAEL ZORC GETS AWAY FROM NASSER SALEM



— THE 1981 COCA-COLA CUP

A GREAT OCCASION
FOR WEST GERMAN
CAPTAIN RALF
LOOSE AS HE HOLDS
THE COCA-COLA CUP
HIGH



GOALKEEPER RUEDI
VOLLBORN GATH-
ERS A HIGH BALL
IN THE FINAL



ONE OF THE REAL
STARS OF THE
SERIES — KOREA'S
SKIPPER CHOI
SOON-HO



AUSTRALIA'S DAVID MITCHELL OUTJUMPS
WEST GERMANY'S ANTON SCHMIDKUNZ



THE FINAL

NSW LINES UP FOR SHAKY ISLES TOUR

by Keith Gilmour

New South Wales will compete in the South Pacific under 15 tournament to be held in various New Zealand cities next May.

All Australian States have been invited to send their representative teams, along with those from Oceania countries such as Fiji and New Caledonia.

The NSW team will be based on this year's under 14 side with some extra players already added.

Training will start almost immediately.

NSW ran equal second behind Victoria in this year's U14 titles played at Mt Isa, and they have additional potential in store.

NSW Amateur secretary Rod Woods said: "The only way to the top is to play our best under 15 to under 18 players in strong tournaments against the best opponents available."

"If our teams receive the chance they will be prepared to go to Europe or South America or wherever they can get good games." Actually Northern NSW are well ahead of NSW in this area. Northern NSW has been regularly playing in Europe and USA. Not so long ago Ku-ring-gai sent their team to England. The USA cannot produce the high standard of opposition that is needed.

Can the NSW Amateurs get a good plan together to send a team to Europe?

In 1974 the England Schoolboys came to Australia and played some excellent matches, so the Australian High Schools could seek a way to finance a tour.

It requires in-depth planning now to turn pious wishes into realities.



It was a big day for young Gareth from the Special School for Multi-Handicapped Blind Children. Here he gets the feel of the ball from Kickaburra, Coca-Cola's mascot for the World Youth Championship. Former NSW Soccer Federation president Jim Bay-uttli is a director of the Royal NSW Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. It is one of the organisations that your club could support this year, a special year in the life of handicapped people in Australia.

JUNIOR AID FROM LEND LEASE

Outstanding Soccer players or teams can apply to their local Lend Lease Shopping Square for assistance from Lend Lease's new Junior Sports Foundation.

A spokesman for the foundation said that all requests would be closely examined.

Players or teams will be in various age groups up to the age of under 16.

Lend Lease are looking for a long-term association with the chosen organisations.

They will help needy cases where the applicants show a fair degree of self help.

As the popularity of the particular sport in the district is one important criteria, Soccer applicants should receive a good hearing due to the strength of the sport.

The executive Director of Canberra's Academy of Soccer, Mr Gianni D'Addario, is searching Australia for a team to play his Under 14 squad.

"They can come to Canberra and we will provide the billeting — or we can go outside of Canberra if vice-versa applies," Gianni said.

"We have already been able to help the boys of the Academy's under 14 'A' side and I want to give the same opportunity to the boys of the 'B' squad before the end of November if possible."

The under 14s — A and B sides — have been selected for the Academy from the best in Canberra and spend one weekend a month in intensive coaching as well as getting together for a one-night-a-week training session.

Any club interesting in playing games against this under 14 squad can contact Gianni on Canberra 499413 or 544463 or write to this address: 54 Alroy Circuit, Hawker, ACT 2614.

KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER



NSW SCHOOLS GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

by Keith Gilmour

The major schools cup competitions in NSW have gone from strength to strength in 1981.

Perhaps the best aspect of the Tasman Cup has been the increasing standard of play.

The days of big wins are gradually vanishing all over the State.

Although the Boys High Schools have the advantage in numbers of students from which to select their teams, the smaller schools have a better class of players available to previous years.

And the country schools are picking up all the time.

The pity is that the Tasman Cup is a departmental competition and excludes schools from the private sector.

It behoves all involved in schools football to keep searching for a way to bring the public and private schools together in one major competition.

As it stands the schools received belated recognition from television, and many excellent matches were screened by the 0/28

multicultural Network.

There has been room for some time for a NSW under 15 competition on a knock-out basis.

Newcastle moved in with the biggest competition which is threatening to swamp NSW just as the Tasman Cup did at senior schools level.

The Cup, known as the Bill Turner Cup, already has 100 schools playing.

There is no bar on schools of any complexion from playing and thus it strikes out in fine style for real Soccer progress.

It is already proving very popular with many Catholic schools.

In some areas the Bill Turner Cup is reaching the stage where it knows no bounds.

Clubs from the Far North Coast and down to Albury join in, and it would cause no surprise if Western NSW and Sydney compete in 1982.

In Sydney the valued sponsorship of 2SM in the \$3,000 2SM Schools under 15 Cup provides for 64 schools from the Independent, Catholic and State systems.

It is well run and a boon to the game.

How to combine it in a huge State tournament needs immediate research.

The station's license covers the Sydney plain and it would find it difficult to take over a State project.

But something must be done because an entry of 64 schools from the whole of Sydney does not do the job well enough.

We should be talking of 250 schools at least from Sydney alone.

Some steady thinking could bring dramatic results.

As to the Tasman Cup, the lack of announcements on results through major newspapers was the one aspect that missed out.

Obviously the CHS Soccer convenor has more on his plate than can reasonably be handled.

This could lead to a publicity officer, competition secretary or assistant secretary being appointed to provide results to the AAP newsagency for general distribution to the media. It would help to keep schools' interest on the boil.



Penrith South A team won the Penrith Public Schools Soccer Association's competition for the second year running.

Pictured are: Craig Little, Michael Cliff, Scott Dowd, Adam O'Hara, Jad Stipanovic, David Murphy, Nicholas Hubble, Brian Lang, Andrew Talbot, Greg Bevlitt and Michele McKinnon (Geoff Norling absent) with the school principal Mr Geoff McCauley and coach Rob Hutchinson. Photo by Damien Keenan.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS FINALS HIT SYDNEY

Next Sunday's Champion of Champions finals reach their climax for 1981 at venues which are well spread throughout Sydney's metropolitan area.

The chosen grounds are Cook Park at St Marys, near-city Mackey Park at Tempe Railway Station, and Claydon Reserve at Sans Souci in the St George district. Pepsi-Cola sponsor the entire series.

In the senior grade North Caringbah meets West Pymble at Cook Park.

The draw is:

COOK PARK, ST MARYS

9 am	U9	Greystanes v Fairfield Heights
10 am	U13	Blackett United v Smithfield Hotspurs
11 am	U17	Bellambi v Hornsby RSL
1 pm	U21	Wahroonga v Parklea
3 pm	AA	North Caringbah v West Pymble

MACKAY PARK, TEMPE

9 am	U16	Albion Park v Panania RSL
10.30 am	U18	Curl Curl YC v Panania RSL
12.30 am	U8	Earlwood v Rockdale Youth
1.30 pm	U10	King Tomislav v Earlwood
2.30 pm	U11	Chullora Wolves v Springwood or North Rocks

CLAYDON RESERVE, SANS SOUCI

9 am	U12	APIA v Allambie or Penrith
10 am	U15	St Marys v Pagewood
11.30 am	U14	Lethbridge Pk v Queens Pk or Earlwood

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS NEED THE PUBLICITY

So often it is those little touches that make events ever so much better.

And so we comment on a minor yet important aspect of the junior season in NSW.

The publicity for the Champion of Champions tournament, which highlights the club season in the NSW Amateur ranks, has a definite fault.

Where an association has not named its premiership first division winner in a particular grade then it goes into the handbook for the competition and other publicity in the name of the association it represents.

If a premiership ends late then it is difficult for the Amateurs to record the club name in their draws.

But this information should be in hand from the associations or clubs by a given date, which surely should not be later than the first round of the series.

For preference it should be in earlier.

A competition of this nature that does not mention the correct names of the competing clubs runs short on a major detail.

After all, it is the clubs that should be receiving the honour after their season's effort.

If it was a knockout for associations then the naming of the competitors would be a different matter altogether.

So maybe the Amateurs' management committee could come up with a scheme to bring this in next year.

And ASW would be glad to mention them correctly.



It is all in the family for Eastwood's Lorraine Klemt, who shows her style in this training shot. Her father, sister and brother have all been keen players. Lorraine finished her Year 12 at school by playing for Maresden High School's NSW State KO winning team.

BRIGHT YOUNG STARS ON THE HORIZON

By Greg Blake

Australia's inglorious exit from the Oceania Zone World Cup elimination games was not the end of the world.

Our under 20 players have just proved that with spectacular performances in the World Youth Championship.

The game is definitely alive and kicking, with the future resting squarely on the shoulders of the abundance of talented young players.

Some of the most influential and dedicated men in Australian Soccer today agree. Soccerroo boss Les Scheinflug, South Melbourne president Sam Papasavas, Green Gully coach, former Australian Schoolboy manager and 1981 Victorian Coach of the Year Bobby McLachlan and, the most famous of all Australian national team coaches, current Blacktown boss Rale Rasic.

All have played their part in youth development and are unanimous in their backing of Australian youth in the 1980s.

The brilliant Soccerroo youngsters of today like Peter Raskopoulos, Alan Davidson, Steve Blair and Peter Katholos will be almost the elder statesmen come the 1986 World Cup. And with almost half a million registered players in Australia under the age of 18 preparing to join them in years to come, we could be on the verge of the most fruitful period in Australia's Soccer history.

A dramatic increase of some 10,000 registered under 18 players (from 2,838 in 1972 to more than 13,000 this year) in Victoria

But while extolling the virtues of the roles of juniors in Soccer, McLachlan was keen to add a note of caution.

"When the boys begin to reach 15 and 16, without the environment and motivation of a professional overseas set-up, their priorities tend to become drink and women, with Soccer running a poor last," he said.

"At the National Under 18 Championships in May, I wandered into the foyer of the players' motel to be confronted by the sight of a prominent player from another State lugging a dozen cans of beer toward his room at 11.30 pm.

"Some potential champions do not do themselves justice."

A keen and dedicated junior coach, McLachlan recalls his treasured Australian Schoolboys team of 1978.

"Of the 16 boys on the trip to the US and Canada only three never made PSL football, yet when I was in charge they were virtually unknown," McLachlan says with pride.

The names roll off the tongue. Woodhouse, Katholos, Krncevic, Pezcano, Moulis and Raskopoulos to name a few.

But therein lies the rub.

Amongst the coaches it was agreed that literally thousands of children, some potential Soccerroos, will never get the correct training needed to assist them in reaching their full potential.

Rasic, a strict disciplinarian, is adamant the whole structure of the game must be changed, with the top-level coaches becoming geared toward giving the kids a correct grounding.

Along with Scheinflug and McLachlan he agreed potential was enormous, adding that "although in proportion to other countries we put more money into the juniors than anyone else, there are very few coaches either qualified or capable of teaching the children properly."

"Australian boys have all the mental and physical attributes necessary but we simply have no coaches," he said.

Rasic's most practical suggestion to get the best coaches involved at junior level was that all contracts for senior coaches should stipulate that the coach must, through an appointed panel, look after every team at all levels at the club he signs with.

To Soccerroo boss Les Scheinflug dedication is an integral part of success in Soccer.

"And that is why I enjoy looking after the young ones. They are hungry for knowledge," he says.

"Of course you can always have too many youngsters in a club team, which is useless as they have no-one to learn from," says Scheinflug, who began looking after the successful Youth team in February.

Dedication ranks high on McLachlan's list also, and he cited the example of young players who prefer to "ride their bikes" or "listen to the footy" on their transistor radio in preference to watching their senior players in action.

The perfect example of dedication, says Bob, is Australian player Craig Johnston, who is with English team Liverpool.

"Johnston gave up his Australian home and his friends to pursue his career in England.

"He got his priorities right. He is now financially secure for life, is a world famous football star and has married his childhood sweetheart.

"Compare that to the young bloke representing his State I saw wandering around in the hotel foyer."

South Melbourne Gunners, who boast two of the youngest and best of the new Soccerroo breed in

Alan Davidson and Steve Blair, can lay claim to also having a comprehensive and successful 15-team junior breeding ground. Indeed there are products of the South Melbourne junior set-up to be found sprinkled throughout the ranks of the Victorian State League and even rival Melbourne PSL clubs.

Most were not quite good enough to wear the famous blue Gunners strip, while other younger ones were too impatient to wait for a chance. But their success at other top clubs justifies the need for well organized junior programmes.

How many could have been lost to the game had they not had the benefit of one of the largest junior set-ups of any Victorian club. But South Melbourne president Sam Papasavas is also aware of the pitfalls.

"We depend on the coaches but like everyone we finish up with some who probably do more harm than good to the youngsters," he says.

"But currently we have a well established junior committee, good facilities and subsequently we have plenty to offer young players."

Although neither Blair nor Davidson were the Gunners junior products others like Arthur Xanthopoulos are, which surely illustrates the benefits of decent coaching for the Soccerroos of the future.

McLachlan believes a comparison of Australia to overseas — to see how far we are behind at JUNIOR level — could be beneficial in the long term.

"We still get the quantity rather than quality," he says — a point he illustrates with a list of recent Weinstein Medal recipients as Melbourne's best junior players.

In 1975 it was Reno Lia, '76 Colin Allison, '77 Alex Rivero, '78 Robert Traficante. In the preceding six years, McLachlan points out, none have gone on to bigger and better things.

"But we should have a bright future with an abundance of prospective champions on their way up.

"So long as coaches do not go spending money on an overseas player if they have a local junior just as good," McLachlan finished.

All you need do is watch the finishing of Koussas, the composure of Blair, the grace of Crino, the skills of Davidson or the exuberance of Katholos and you just can't help but feel optimistic for the future.



MANLY VALE SOCCER CLUB — successful in the NSW Amateur's under 18 State Cup with a 3-0 win over Dundas United at Punchbowl Oval.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC U16: BACK ROW (L to R): G. Powell (coach), E. Marchese, A. Massoud, S. Hatzlonnou, J. Cappadona, D. Gross, D. Lewis, J. Lyttleton. FRONT ROW: T. Marino, A. Phillips, T. Alexakis, J. Fitzgerald, A. Koussas, S. Fraser, J. Biniaras, B. Dzika. Not in photo: M. Sinemoglou.

VICTORS AND VANQUISHED

This year's Robertson Cup knock-out for under 21 teams went to Wahroonga, who defeated Terry Hills 2-1 in the final.



THE VICTORS — Wahroonga: I Thorby, R Giles, G Rainsford, D Timms, M Carter, A Woods, M Calf, S Collins, A Brown, G Peterson, M Caward, F Lang, T Whatlem, M Louis, D Hortanse.



THE VANQUISHED — Terry Hills: T Beard, C Barker, G Warren, E Gosling, R Niven, C Gaffney, S Kelly, W Watson, R Stonell, S Jaye, M Chamber, P Byers, G Coleman, M Van der Salls, V Amemessian.

BONNYRIGG MAY LINK WITH NORTH SYDNEY

By Brad Earl

NSW Second Division club Bonnyrigg may amalgamate with struggling State Leaguers, North Sydney.

Bonnyrigg are a Syrian club with a big social club at Smithfield, and they have steadily progressed through the NSW divisions in recent years.

Now there after a State League spot, and an amalgamation with North Sydney may occur very shortly as they have already made a firm offer.

If it goes ahead, financially burdened North Sydney will be virtually swallowed.

That's after only two years in State League after promotion from first division.

With regard to the players, things are very loose as none of them are presently on contracts.

There were some talented players in the squad this year, and one person who is reportedly keen on picking up a couple of youngsters is Sydney City coach, Eddie Thomson.

MONTGOMERY RETURNS TO ENGLAND

Steve Montgomery is on his way back to England very soon after four years in Australia.

He leaves Sydney on October 28, and he will spend a few weeks in Perth before going on to the UK.

He said he hopes to set up a retail sports business, which is his main reason for returning. He will also be playing in the Alliance League with A.P. Leamington.

Steve also intends working towards gaining his full coaching badge, having already received his preliminary F.A. badge.

"If the sports business works out, this will be a permanent move," he said, "but if things don't work out we'll just turn around and come straight back here."

Montgomery is married with a 12-month-old son, and he has certainly been a "wanderer" in Australia, playing for five clubs in Sydney in the space of four years — Western Suburbs (1978 in the Philips League), Auburn (1979), Arncliffe (1980), Croatia (1981) and Parramatta (end of 1981 on loan from Croatia).

He is now back on Croatia's books, but he has a free clearance to return to England.



NEW LEAGUE FORMED FOR CENTRAL WEST

by Keith Gilmour

1982 will see the launching of the NSW Central Western Soccer League.

Clubs from Bathurst, Orange, Mudgee, Dubbo and Blayney will compete.

League secretary Dave Pritchard said on Orange: "Indications are that we will commence with a 10-team competition which will take in most of the best players in Western NSW."

"We are after a competition that is the Soccer equivalent of Groups 10 and 11 in Rugby League."

"Discussions are taking place this week with a potential sponsor." Amongst the Orange clubs which are expected to participate are Orange Waratah, Email, CYMS and Bloomfield.

Boomerangs and Churches United of Bathurst are interested.

The area has seen occasional visits off-season by overseas teams but the feeling is that the time has arrived for a local competition to be played to provided the best possible Soccer for both the present and the developing players of this important area.

The League was particularly looking for

entries from Lithgow and Parkes, but they may not be forthcoming for 1982.

Lithgow could field an excellent side. Their players mainly comprise miners who are due to go on shift at 6 pm on Sunday.

"We offered to play their matches on Saturdays or earlier on Sundays but there has been no positive response to this stage," Dave Pritchard said.

If Parkes entered they would gain some of the best players from nearby Forbes, Petrol would be provided so that the players would not be out of pocket for their extra travel.

Blayney are expected to go well even though they are a small town.

Condobolin is a future possible entrant, and Dubbo is expected to draw the best of the players from nearby Wellington.

For contact, secretary Dave Pritchard is at 26 Caroline St, Orange (Tel 063 62 9065)

A woman will officiate at an English F.A. Cup match for the first time in the 110 year history of Britain's premier competition.

Elizabeth Forsdick, 28, will act as "linesperson" in a third round match between Burgess Hill Town and Carshalton Athletic.

Croatia will now take their end-of-season trip in January, instead of November as originally planned.

They will be going to Manila in the Philippines.

Three candidates for a seat on the NSW Federation executive for 1982 are Riverwood president Eric Smith, former executive member Peter Coleman, and sports commentator Tony Palumbo.

WORLD CUP UPDATE

COMPILED BY ALEX VESIC

With a handful of games to be played, the situation is becoming clearer in the European qualifying section.

West Germany, Poland and Scotland have made sure of their entry, while most of the other teams are already recognised as qualifiers, after some shock results in the past 10 days.

Let's look at recent results and tables in all European groups:

GROUP 1:

Finland - Albania	2-1
West Germany - Finland	7-1
Austria - West Germany	1-3
Albania - Bulgaria	0-2

	TABLE		
1. W. GERMANY	6 6 0 0	21-3	12
2. AUSTRIA	7 5 0 2	16-6	10
3. BULGARIA	6 4 0 2	11-6	8
4. ALBANIA	7 1 0 6	4-14	2
5. FINLAND	8 1 0 7	4-27	2

Next games:

2 Nov: West Germany - Bulgaria
11 Nov: Bulgaria - Austria
18 Nov: West Germany - Albania

GROUP 2:

Belgium has already qualified, while a fierce battle for second has developed. Assuming that France will defeat Cyprus in its home fixture, much will depend on the result of the match between France and Holland in Paris on November 18.

Holland - Rep. of Ireland	2-2
Belgium - France	2-0
Holland - Belgium	3-0
Rep. of Ireland - France	3-2

	TABLE		
1. Belgium	8 5 1 2	12-9	11
2. Ireland	8 4 2 2	17-11	10
3. Holland	7 4 1 2	11-5	9
4. France	6 3 0 3	14-8	6
5. Cyprus	7 0 0 7	4-25	0

Next games:

18 Nov: France - Holland
5 Dec: France - Cyprus

GROUP 3:

USSR and Czechoslovakia have the upper hand in this group following the Iceland - Wales draw last Wednesday. With two games at home to play, USSR looks certain to take the top spot while Czechoslovakia needs to win against the Soviet Union at home to make sure of its birth in Spain.

Iceland - Turkey	2-0
Czechoslovakia - Wales	2-0
USSR - Turkey	4-0
Iceland - Czechoslovakia	1-1
Turkey - USSR	0-3
Wales - Iceland	2-2

	TABLE		
1. Wales	7 4 2 1	12-4	10
2. USSR	5 4 1 0	14-1	9
3. Czechoslovakia	6 4 1 1	14-3	9
4. Iceland	8 2 2 4	10-21	6
5. Turkey	8 0 0 8	1-22	0

Next games:

28 Oct: USSR - Czechoslovakia
28 Nov: USSR - Wales
30 Nov: Czechoslovakia - USSR

GROUP 4:

Hungary have demolished the Swiss team in Budapest and, with the match against Norway at home yet to come, look certain of a place in the Finals. England, at one stage certain to miss out on the final 24, are now

set to win the second spot in this group. They need to win against Hungary at Wembley to make sure of qualifying.

Romania - Hungary	0-0
Norway - England	2-1
Romania - Switzerland	1-2
Hungary - Switzerland	3-0

	TABLE		
1. Hungary	6 3 2 1	9-6	8
2. England	7 3 1 3	12-8	7
3. Romania	7 2 3 2	5-5	7
4. Switzerland	7 2 2 3	9-12	6
5. Norway	7 2 2 3	7-11	6

Next games:

31 Oct: Hungary - Norway
11 Nov: Switzerland - Romania
18 Nov: England - Hungary

GROUP 5:

Denmark defeated Greece in Athens to settle the issue in this group. Italy and Yugoslavia look set to go to Spain.

Denmark - Yugoslavia	1-2
Greece - Denmark	2-3
Yugoslavia - Italy	1-1

	TABLE		
1. Yugoslavia	6 4 1 1	15-6	9
2. Italy	6 4 1 1	10-4	9
3. Denmark	8 4 0 4	14-11	8
4. Greece	6 3 0 3	8-10	6
5. Luxembourg	6 0 0 6	1-17	0

Next games:

14 Nov: Italy - Greece
21 Nov: Yugoslavia - Luxembourg
29 Nov: Greece - Yugoslavia
12 Dec: Italy - Luxembourg

GROUP 6:

Scotland has made sure of its place in the Finals by grabbing a point against Northern Ireland, while Sweden rocked Portugal in Lisbon to give the Irish a golden opportunity of qualifying for Spain.

Scotland - Sweden	2-0
Portugal - Sweden	0-2
Northern Ireland - Scotland	0-0

	TABLE		
1. Scotland	7 4 3 0	8-2	11
2. Sweden	8 3 2 3	7-8	8
3. N. Ireland	7 2 3 2	5-3	7
4. Portugal	6 2 1 3	5-6	5
5. Israel	6 0 3 3	2-8	3

Next games:

28 Oct: Israel - Portugal
18 Nov: N. Ireland - Israel
18 Nov: Portugal - Scotland

GROUP 7:

Poland has taken the top spot in this group following their 3-2 win over East Germany at Leipzig.

Malta - Poland	0-2
Malta - East Germany	1-2
Poland - East Germany	1-0
East Germany - Poland	2-3

	TABLE		
1. Poland	3 3 0 0	6-2	6
2. East Germany	3 1 0 2	4-5	2
3. Malta	2 0 0 2	1-4	0

Next games:

11 Nov: East Germany - Malta
15 Nov: Poland - Malta

ASIA AND OCEANIA:

China - New Zealand	0-0
New Zealand - China	1-0
New Zealand - Kuwait	1-2
China - Kuwait	3-0

JOHNSTON SKATES TO SUCCESS

How did Liverpool's Australian signing Craig Johnston develop those powerful muscles for football?

Craig tells this interesting little sidelight on his trip down to Sydney from Newcastle when he was 15 to have a trial game for Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs when they were involved in the NSW State League.

"I caught the train at Newcastle and went to Central.

"Then I skate-boarded from the station down to Circular Quay, where I took the hydrofoil trip to Manly.

"I hopped on my skateboard again and went to the Manly ground for the Hakoah-Manly game."

Only a Craig Johnston would try that one!

— Keith Gilmour.

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US CLUBS BITE THE DUST

Australian Soccer at marketing level is doing much to copy the set-up in the USA, which is reasonable bearing in mind the marketing expertise of Americans.

There is big trouble in the North American Soccer League, however, and it'll take a lot of marketing to sort out the headache.

Some people wonder if the dream of North American Soccer is turning into a nightmare. In the past couple of weeks, no fewer than five clubs have gone to the wall in the NASL.

Calgary Boomers, with only one year behind them, have been put up for sale and the asking price is one dollar! But the buyer will then be faced with clearing a debt of \$2,000,000.

Other well-known NASL clubs which have folded are Washington Diplomats, Dallas Tornado, Atlanta Chiefs and California Surf.

Of course, a few well-run clubs still seem to get by and make money.

New York Cosmos, despite being beaten in the Super

Bowl, look forward to continued prosperity. Indeed Giogio Chinaglia, their goalscoring ace, said recently that, after next season, he would become Cosmos' world-wide agent, picking the greatest players in the world to play in New York.

"We need to bring the glamour back into our League," said Chinaglia.

Tony Waiters, former English international goalkeeper and now president of Vancouver Whitecaps, believed that NASL will actually gain in strength from the death of several clubs.

Waiters said: "Investment of time and money is sure to pay off in some bright places like New York, Tampa, Fort Lauderdale, Vancouver and Chicago. A new club like Montreal has drawn a crowd of 58,000 in its first year."

Obviously the NASL is determined to survive. It would be a tragedy if it perished after all the effort put into it.

KOVACS KAPU!

Even before Romania's World Cup hopes were shattered, coach Stefan Kovacs had to pay the penalty. He was sacked soon after Romania went down 2-1 at home to Switzerland.

Kovacs was on thin ice and the Romanian Government was threatening to prevent him moving to Greece to manage Panathinaikos.

Kovacs is one of Europe's top coaches and his axing before completion of the Group games seemed premature.

WHAT HAPPENED TO MONTI?

Luis Felipe Monti, the man who picked up the loser's medal with Argentina in the 1930 World Cup, turned up four years later for Italy to pick up another medal, this time as a winner.

He will certainly remain the only player who played in the World Cup Final for two countries and with such a record.

Almost forgotten, this 80-year-old man lives in Escobar, some 50km from Buenos Aires, in total poverty.



Luis Felipe Monti — 50 years ago as an Argentinian international



Sad retirement in Escobar — Monti with his wife

CANADA'S EYES ON SPAIN

Canada are confident of getting to the World Cup in Spain and will probably be accompanied by Mexico from the North and Central American area.

The final qualifying Group comprised Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, Honduras and El Salvador. The Canadians finished top of their preliminary Group after eliminating the USA. They also drew with Mexico 1-1 in front of 100,000 spectators at the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City.

The Canadians are coached by Englishman Barrie Clarke, who playing career didn't take him past Derby County reserves and non-League side Loughborough Town.

Clarke (49) says "It's going to be tough to qualify but I'm encouraged by our showing in the earlier round. You may say it's wrong for a nation like England to miss out on the World Cup while Canada gets in... but England have a shocking record in trying to qualify. It's sad to say it, but English Soccer is way behind the times."

BIGGEST GROUND IN EUROPE

Barcelona's home ground, Nou Camp, will be the biggest in Europe when improvements are completed for the 1982 World Cup.

Nou Camp is being increased in capacity from 90,000 to 120,000 and will be an ideal venue for the opening ceremony on June 13 next year.

Real Madrid, on the other hand, have reduced the capacity of their famous Bernabeu Stadium.

It used to hold 125,000 spectators but, for the World Cup, there will be a 91,000 limit.

These are only two of the

many magnificent grounds to be used in the World Cup.

It makes Australia look tenth-rate in football facilities, bearing in mind the hassles over the Sydney venues at the Cricket Ground and Sports Ground.

The World Youth Championships are NOT the World Cup but, even so, the WYC attracted a lot of publicity, much of it bad, throughout the world.

NOT ONLY RUDI

During the last two and a half years the Yugoslav national team has introduced 24 new players into the national team!

Strangely enough, the Yugoslavs have won 14 out of 16 matches played during that period.

In comparison with the Yugoslav national coach, Miljan Miljanic, Australia's ex-coach, Rudi Gutendorf, introduced twice as many new faces into the national side, but didn't have the success rate of his famous Yugoslav colleague.

It should be noted that 24 players made their debut during the last two and a half years but a record 46 players were used during the period.

Miljanic has picked 10 players from Hajduk and eight from Red Star during this time.

GRASSHOPPER GETS GOALS

Claudio Sulser, of Zurich Grasshoppers and the Swiss national team, is gaining many admirers — because he scores important goals in important games.

In European Group Four in the World Cup eliminations, Sulser scored the winning goal against England and grabbed another two against Hungary.

His penetration is the main reason for Switzerland upsetting more-fancied countries in the Group.

A 25-year-old law student, Sulser faces two more years at University before qualifying. That's why he is not listening to approaches from top clubs for his transfer. (Nottingham Forest are particularly keen.)



CLAUDIO SULSER

In any case, the Swiss ace says full-time football as a career doesn't attract him. "It's such a narrow life," said Claudio.

His comments on the English World Cup team are not very complimentary.

Sulser said: "English footballers are not adaptable — they cannot change their style when things go wrong. They showed neither class nor determination against Norway. This Group was virtually set up for England to qualify and when professionals get that close, they shouldn't lose."

WORLD RESULTS

HUNGARY

Ozd — Volan	2:2
Pecs — Szeol	4:1
B'saba — Vasas	0:0
Csepel — Ujpest	1:1
Diosgyor — Videoton	0:1
N'gyhaza — Raba Eto	1:1
Debrecen — Halados	3:1
F'varos — Z'gerszeg	4:0
Honved — T'banya	1:3

Honved	5	3	2	13
Tatabanya	5	3	2	13
Csepel	4	5	1	13
Halados	5	2	3	12
Ujpest	4	4	2	12

ROMANIA

Brasov — Hunedoara	2:0
Craiova — Olt	4:1
Arad UT — Pet Jiul	1:0
Tim Poli — Steaua	2:0
Constanta — Napoca Uni	2:0
Dinamo Chi — Rim Vil	1:0
T'viste — Pit Arges	1:0
Vul Prog — Tirgu M-A	2:0
Bacau — Sport Stu	1:0

Dinamo on top with 15 points, followed by Craiova (14) with two games in hand.

PORTUGAL

Braga — Setubal	1:1
Ac Viseu — Penafiel	1:0
B'nenses — Espinho	4:0
Sporting — Boavista	3:3
Rio Ave — Benfica	1:0
Estoril — P'monense	2:1
Amora — Uni Leiria	2:0
Porto — Guimaraes	0:0

W. GERMANY

Nuremberg — L'kusen	3:2
K'lautern — Bremen	1:1
B'schweig — D'dorf	4:2
Duisburg — Stuttgart	1:2
Hamburg — M'gladbach	1:1
Ein Frank — Bielefeld	2:1
Cologne — B Munich	4:0
Dortmund — Darmstadt	4:0
Karlsruhe — Bochum	2:2

SPAIN

Osasuna — Valladolid	1:1
Bilbao — Espanol	3:1
Real Madrid — Valencia	3:0
Betis — Zaragoza	2:0
Cadiz — Hercules	3:2
Las Palmas — Sevilla	3:1
Sporting — Madrid	3:2
Castellon — Sociedad	1:3
Barcelona — Racing	5:1

Sociedad	5	1	0	13	2	11
Barcelona	5	0	1	20	6	10
Osasuna	4	2	0	11	6	10
Real Madrid	2	2	1	10	7	8
Zaragoza	3	2	1	7	5	8
At Madrid	3	0	3	9	7	6

(SIX GAMES PLAYED)

AUSTRIA

Sturn — Salzburg	3:1
Wr. S'club — Rapid	0:0
Innsbruck — Ad Wacker	0:0
Voest — Gak	3:0
Aus Wien — Lask	2:0

Austria Wien	7	2	1	21	7	16
Rapid	5	4	1	22	9	14
Sturn Graz	5	1	4	20	20	11
Admira Wacker	5	1	4	17	17	11
Voest Linz	4	2	4	15	12	10

(10 GAMES PLAYED)



SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

CONCERTED EFFORT NEEDED TO ADVANCE YOUNG STARS

The State League third grade is vital to Soccer in New South Wales. But in its present state it is rambling on, getting no publicity, hardly any spectators, and not giving the young players the boost they need.

Talking to regular watchers of the third grade, it's hard not to be impressed by the high opinions they hold of the players, who by rule must be under the age of 18.

But, off the field, things will have to improve.

For starters, the title "third grade" gives the impression that it's a third-rate league. The PSL Youth League is referred to as the "youth league", and that is a more attractive title than third grade.

A major improvement would be to restructure the whole grade system in the State League.

Third grade is often rated higher than second grade, yet as it stands now second grade is on a higher pedestal.

Second grade is regarded as the worst grade, made up of players who can't make first grade and ones who are too old for the thirds.

Yet third grade kicks off at about 11.30 in the morning, and most of the supporters don't turn up until after 2 pm, catching some of second grade.

So the third graders have to play in front of half-a-dozen people, while second grade has a fairly good atmosphere.

And what can a good third grader think when he is constantly ignored for promotion, because second and first grade ranks are full?

There are also a few clubs where coaching is way below standard; first grade coaches don't take any interest; and players who are

sons of coaches or officials regularly hold down a spot even though their form doesn't warrant it.

So what's the best way to restructure the system?

Atti Abonyi, Riverwood club coach and a keen advocate of youth, says he would like to see one grade dropped.

"Sydney's the only place in the world where you have three grades. I would like to see just first and second grade," he said.

"For this so-called reserve team you could combine the best of second and third grades. Some players would have to drop back to the first and second divisions, but then you'd also get a better standard in those divisions."

What about an age limit? "You could limit it to, say, under 20, or under 19, with possibly two over-20 players," Abonyi answered.

"Financially for clubs it's one team less to support, but some clubs don't want to turn away the seconds."

"As a coach I would like to have a really good back-up reserve side rather than two pretty average sides."

Doesn't that make crystal-clear sense? Archie Blue endorsed Abonyi's ideas, saying it is stupid having enormous squads of over 50 players, as the first grade coach doesn't get enough time to work with all of them, and therefore the better players are suffering.

Vince Balsan, in his first year as a third grade coach this year with Melita, said he would like to see two

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Brad Earl

reserve teams; the third grade limited to the under 16 age group, and the second grade restricted to under 18, with room for five or six over-age players.

That is a consistent point. If restrictions are placed there must be room for older, reserve players from the first grade squad to be able to play in the reserves, particularly if they are coming back from injury.

But their experience would be a boost to the youngsters — experience they can't get on their own in third grade.

Vic Dalglish of Melita thinks the whole State League system has to be reconstructed, and once the quality of clubs in the State League is improved, these clubs will give more thought to the young players.

"You've got to get the bum teams out. Some clubs — Sutherland, Auburn, Manly — definitely have a high standard for picking kids, but ones like Avala just field a third grade because they are obliged to."

Dalglish added that you also have to look at the set-up of the kids following up — those in the under 14-15-16 NSW Youth League teams, for example.

There must be a regular progression from these teams to a reserve/youth grade to first grade, unlike the present disjointed system in many regions.

Take the boy who is 16 and playing in third grade. He can't be selected for the State under 16 team unless he has dual registration in both the State League and the Youth League.

If clubs make financial promises to the youth players, they are duty-bound to meet these commitments, not fob off at the end of the year with more promises for the next season.

Quite often for younger players at school, these match payments make a good source of weekend income (or at least they would make a good source of income if some clubs came good with them).

Still, some clubs can't even find the money to pay first graders.

Mick Jones of Manly says the youngsters have to be involved closely with first grade — for example, staying to watch the first grade games and travelling with the team to away matches.

And there is nothing better than being in a club where there is a good atmosphere and people are willing to support the younger players.

Something must be done NOW, while interest in youth is at an all-time high after the success of the national youth team.

Otherwise, the State Federation will lose the cream of the youngsters to the expanding national Youth League.

BOWMAN QUILTS

Long-serving Auburn president, Ron Bowman, is retiring on November 10, when elections will be held for 1982.

He said his business commitments were his reasons for retiring. "My business commitments are far too heavy for me to do the job justice," he said.

Bowman has been at the helm at Auburn for the past seven years, and he says that ideally a club should have a change after three or four years.

He offered some interesting comments on the

subject of an amalgamation between the neighbouring clubs, Parramatta/Granville and Auburn, which he sees as the only viable way for a strong Soccer club in the area to emerge.

"I can't see how the two clubs can remain viable, with only 50 spectators each," he said. "We approached them last year (1980) and offered them everything except our shirts, so now it's up to them to come to us."

CHANGES AT BANKSTOWN

Bankstown have decided "who goes, who stays" for 1982, while two experienced players, Craig Peck and Wally Lachowicz, have asked for a move.

And first and second grade coach Bob Ferguson has been asked to stay on for next season.

Lachowicz is available for \$5,000, while no price has been set for Peck. Players placed on the transfer list include midfielder Glen Lynch, and strikers John Beater, Bob Farthing and Gene Isoardi, as well as a number of second graders.

If Lachowicz leaves, there seems to be enough reserve goalkeeping strength in the club, with Tyrone ("Sid") Patterson, Bob Lowenstein (on transfer) and Steve Giffin, who moves up from third grade.

Club secretary, Jim Giffin, said: "We want to maintain the players who can kick the club on. We expect to push seven of this year's third graders into second grade next year, and towards the end of next season they should be knocking on the door of first grade."

At Bankstown's presentation night, Lachowicz was announced as the player of the year. The second grade player of the year was attacking midfielder Alan Sirrett (who finished the season in first grade), and the third grade award went to striker Steven Waugh (who is also a competent cricketer).

COUNCIL TURNS DOWN RIVERWOOD PLANS

Riverwood have had their ambitious plans for a big Soccer stadium and sporting complex in Riverwood turned down by the local council.

Coach Atti Abonyi said they had had the proposal in for 12 months and the plans drawn up and financial backing presented for nine months.

Peter Butcher won the clubman award at the club's presentation night, a highly popular win which almost

overshadowed Andy Tracey's player of the year award.

In second grade, Jim McRorie, who held down a first grade spot for the last half-dozen matches, was named their player of the year, while Simon Vaughn picked up the third grade prize.

WHO WILL WIN UNDER 21?

Paul Bush, Paul Daley or Gino Caputo. One of those three players is going to win the New South Wales Under 21 Player of the Year, presented by the Australian Soccer Press Association.

The big night will be November 4. Bush, Daley and Caputo are the three leading votegetters, but not necessarily in that order.

Yugal look like retaining last season's squad for the State League return in 1982, but they want to strengthen the squad with about three new players.

It seems they will lose the services of Dave McIntosh, who was on loan in 1981 from St George. A club official said McIntosh had indicated he may decide to give the game away. If he doesn't quit, there's a \$5,000 transfer fee on him.

Melita will finish interviewing the leading candidates for their vacant coaching position tomorrow night, and a decision will probably be announced a few days afterwards.

ASW made a boo-boo last week when we announced the sponsor of the Melita junior coaching programme. Saveway Auto Mart, who also sponsor the second grade side, are backing the month-long series.

St George coach Frank Arok is going overseas tomorrow (Wed) for two weeks. The main reason for his trip is to sign contracts with the Hungarian national team and a Yugoslav club side for the planned jubilee tournament at the beginning of next year, but he also hopes to sign a player for St George — possibly an Hungarian national team player.

GOSFORD AND LISMORE JOIN NORTHERN NSW STATE LEAGUE

by Keith Gilmour

Soccer in Northern NSW will receive a huge boost following the election of the cities of Gosford and Lismore to the Northern NSW State Soccer League.

Gosford, serving a Central Coast population of 200,000, will at last have its own outlet for local players.

The application for inclusion came at the instigation of the Central Coast Soccer Football Association.

The district's potential was dramatically demonstrated when Sydney City and Newcastle KB United attracted a 6,700 crowd to Graham Park two years ago.

Lismore, always a strong centre for junior Soccer, will provide a club to attract players and interest from Lismore and Casino as well as the entire Richmond River district.

Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and the South Maitland coalfields will have cover for its separate centres.

Adamstown and Stewarts & Lloyds are from Newcastle proper, Lake Macquarie from the great Lake Macquarie Shire, and Weston represents the coalfields.

The other six widely dispersed clubs are Twin Towns (Tweed Heads-Coolangatta), Lismore and Coffs Harbour from the North Coast, Armidale, and Tamworth from the

Northern Slopes and Tablelands, and Gosford from the Central Coast.

Making the announcement, Northern NSW Soccer Federation president, Stefan Kamasz, said: "It is another big step towards providing the best possible football throughout Northern NSW."

"Armidale did not have a good year on the field, but their management has another chance to build their team." Certainly Armidale, with its big district and university population, is worth another try as the club has weathered out two high-cost seasons, but it may have to import a few key players to reach the required standards.

Relegation of Wallsend comes as a shock in view of the club's history as one of the strong points of Australian Soccer.

Since 1978 the big contingent of Wallsend fans has been well catered for at nearby New Lambton, the location of the International Sports Centre and home of the KB Raiders.

Unfortunately Belmont-Swansea's headquarters at Blacksmiths is decidedly inferior to the Macquarie Field, home of Lake Macquarie club at Speers Point.

WILLIAMS AFTER A MOVE

Neil Williams wants to leave Canterbury-Marrickville to break into national league football.

He could have moved at the end of last season after winning the NSW Rothmans Medal, but he decided to stick with Canterbury for another year.

Again this year, he polled highly in the Rothmans Medal, finishing in third spot.

The transfer fee is \$1,000, so he should be snapped up pretty quickly.

Neil lives in Wollongong, so it's no surprise that he would like to play for the local PSL club.

Other Canterbury players are undecided about whether they will stay at the club, and a lot seems to rest on what happens with the coaching position.

A shake-up in the committee is also predicted at the AGM in October 25.

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SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

YEAR OF GOALSCORERS, BUT NOT CROWDS

In Victoria it was the year of the goalscorer. Gus MacLeod, Charlie Egan, Kevin Innes, Ian Loughnane, Norrie Pate, Jim Sahanidis, Kit Greechan, Bobby Toal, Noel Mitten and other talented individuals provided us with one of the best seasons for goals in many years.

That was the highlight. If goals were up, crowds were down — again.

The standard of the Victorian State League visibly dropped again in 1981.

It was Green Gully's season and so it should have been. They were far and above the best side in the League.

Already they have seen the culmination of years of hard work with three trophies: the Ampol Cup, Dockerty Cup and State League Championship.

An unprecedented feat that could be bettered further still should they win the State League Top Four Cup.

The league missed Preston, PSF promotees, and Croatia Essendon were unsettled all season throughout the ranks of the club.

It was also the year of Frankston's Scottish import from Berwick, Charlie Egan.

Egan scored 21 league goals — equal highest — and won the Rothmans Medal. He topped off a brilliant year by taking the Press award for player of the year, the Bill Fleming Medal.

The sickener for Egan is the fact that he now wants to leave Frankston, a club seemingly always in financial strife, because they owe him money.

Once again the Victorian State League denigrated a little further and fans became a little more disenchanted with the disappointing Soccer on offer.

Let's take a brief look at each of the clubs and how they fared in 1981.

GREEN GULLY: Started the season with an Ampol Cup win, stuttered just a little at times before storming home to take the league title and Dockerty Cup in fine style. Their winning run, from round 10 onward, encompassed 14 wins and only one draw.

They failed to beat only one side during the season in Doveton, with whom they drew twice.

An outstanding combination with a multiple of talented players able to fill any vacancies in the first team.

All credit to coach Bobby McLachlan, president Guy Spiteri and all the committee, captain and inspiration on the field John Gardiner, and all the players for a great job in 1981.

ESSENDON CR: Finished a disappointing second five points behind the champions and frankly, never looked like championship material.

The players had to suffer upheavals at administration level and also a number of coaching changes early in the year.

And despite what they continue to tell me, five coaching changes in one season is bound to have an effect on even the best of players.

Croatia have many of the best — in the State League at least — although just

how many of them will start the new campaign with the club is a contentious issue at the moment.

They have some good young players and this proud club will hit back with all they've got next season in the hope of finally fulfilling their national league ambitions.

DOVETON: The Doves did remarkably well with such a limited squad but they won few friends for either themselves or the State League with their defensive football.

They went undefeated for their first 15 games but would be hard pressed to do the same next year unless a number of gaps are filled — preferably by a couple of capable goalscorers. They did, however, make the discovery of the season in defender Paul Corke.

CROYDON CITY: Another surprise packet, although their early form in the Ampol Cup did suggest an improvement.

They hit a dull patch in the middle of the season and ruined their chances of winning the league during that time.

The signing of Welshman Ian Loughnane last summer proved to be inspirational, as the striker crashed home the goals with monotonous regularity.

Still, I would imagine, a very satisfying year for the Croydon club. Semi-finalists in the Dockerty Cup, league top four finalists, runners-up in the Ampol Cup and league title-chasers for most of the season.

That spells consistency and with a couple of additions to the playing staff they'll be in with a chance for more success next season.

GEORGE CROSS: How do you say whether it was a good or bad season for the famous George Cross club.

After a couple of years in the doldrums — although always showing a little promise — they rose to fourth place mid-way through the year and looked as if they could hold on for a State League Cup berth.

They needed only to draw against Doveton in the final game of the season to hold their place and keep the Doves out.

The lost and dropped out.

Nobody gave them much of a show at the start of the season when all they could do in the way of transfer deals was to pick up a few signings, mostly bargain-priced "hacks".

Or so everybody thought. Almost all of them

Victoria

Greg Blake

played a part in Georgie's rise and surprised many with their form.

All this on top of losing coach Archie Campbell on the eve of the first game.

He was replaced by Jim Adam who now has also departed.

Success? Perhaps, considering they did make a substantial rise up the table.

Failure ultimately, however, as they conceded fourth place at the business end of the season.

RINGWOOD CITY: Ringwood did just about as well, or badly, depending upon which way you look at it, as expected.

the Victoria Cup (a competition now, thankfully, deceased) in November 1980 and hopes were high at the club of perhaps a top four place this season.

A financial crisis at the club could see them merge with another side before the new campaign and this could have been the last season of competition for Hakoah as they are now.

Possibly their biggest plus was the form of experienced Graham French, who scored nine goals to top their list and was also successfully converted from attack to midfield. It was in this position that he won many Rothmans Medal



NORRIE PATE

Although it wasn't always going to be that way as they struggled at the foot of the ladder for some time.

Only a tremendous final six-match spell took them well clear of relegation and an ultimate respectable place on the table.

Particularly as the other teams involved in the battle for survival continued to cut each others throats as the season drew to a close.

I wonder can they retain that late season form for the entire 1982 campaign?

HAKOAH ST KILDA: Hakoah fit into the same category as Ringwood City.

They were always there or thereabouts, without ever looking candidates for either honours or relegation.

And that, basically, is what was expected of them before the season began.

Perhaps, a little disappointing after they shone in

votes and also actually won one of the other big media awards for player of the year in the State League.

SUNSHINE CITY: The biggest disappointments of the season by a "street".

With potentially one of the better standard squads in a pretty poor State League they could do no better than eighth place and, in fact, only saved themselves from going down by winning on the final day of the season.

Three fine players were introduced into their ranks during the season: Roger Bain, Chris Taylor and Norrie Pate.

Bain and Taylor came midway through the season, Pate from the first kick-off.

Pate had a fine first half of the season which coincided with the Shiners rise toward the top four. It was expected that Bain and

Taylor would be the icing on the cake but Pate then lost form and a couple of bad results bought on the resignation of coach Jim McIntyre.

He said he couldn't motivate the players and their game fell away while they pondered on who would take over the side.

By the time the new man (Dave O'Conner from Preston) had begun his task, they were in big trouble and should be thankful that they avoided the drop at all.

One bright spot for them was that they provided a shock Rothmans Medal runner-up in Rob Nelson.

It's hard to say what 1982 will bring for Sunshine City.

NORTHCOTE CITY: Enigmatic, with some stunning results, and also with a couple of shockers.

They took some almighty thrashings and had a basically unsettled side.

Some of the older heads there must be given the boot to make way for some players capable of taking the pressure of playing in the State League.

Some of their older players really let them down and they will have to do some forward and positive thinking about their future over the close-season if they aren't to end up like another Greek side to fall from grace after only a short time in the State League, Western Suburbs.

FRANKSTON CITY: Three players, perhaps four, were the outstanding features of another disappointing season for the bayside club. After suffering more player trouble prior to the season's kick-off it looked curtains for Frankston in 1981.

Financial strife and player walk-outs have plagued the club, and still do, since their memorable season in 1979 when they were runners-up in league and cup.

But again they survived, just, this time thanks to mainly four players.

Dave Gilbert, their young goalkeeper, Robert

Stewart, a cast-off striker from South Melbourne who made his name this year as a sweeper, exciting midfielder from Manchester City, Carl Holford, and of course, Charlie Egan.

Egan cracked in 20 league goals, won the Rothmans Medal and the Bill Fleming Medal.

Unfortunately it seems the club are again in trouble with player payments, Egan having publicly stated that he is owed money, and there is no guarantee any of the four will be at the club next season. A poor home record let them down.

JUVENTUS: They always seemed likely to go down despite a splendid fight back against all the odds to almost stay in the top company.

Had Sunshine lost on the last day of the season Juventus would have stayed up as the Italian side pulled off one of the results of the season on the same day by winning 2-0 at Croydon.

Considering Croydon's impressive home record Juventus did extremely well.

This could be the start of the slide for Juventus with much of the Italian following — and money — behind the Fawcner push.

Had they stayed in the league, under the astute coaching of Tony Boggi, they may well have learned by their mistakes of the last couple of years and had them rectified.

As it is they might be struggling to bounce back.

ALTONA CITY: The unanimous tip to make the drop at the start of the season and they lived up to expectations.

Any highlights for them would have to be the form of Kevin Innes, who managed to knock in 10 goals during the year, and their mammoth first victory of the season in round 10, when they crushed Hakoah 5-1.

Definitely a one-off result that was, and Altona, bottom after about the first three matches of the year, never gave any indication that they would be able to escape the drop.

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READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.
Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

May I through your paper express my sincere thanks and congratulate Young Australia on their magnificent performance against Argentina in their opening game of the World Youth Championship, and for restoring faith in Australian Soccer to its followers, which was shattered early in the season.

The team showed that it possessed all the ingredients, which can only make a winning team, — guts, determination, team and fighting-spirit, besides their skill.

Irrespective how the the championship may develop in their future games, this team did Australian Soccer a great service and will draw many more new followers to the code. Another important fact was established on this Saturday afternoon, that if a team produces the goods, the follower will get behind the team, and encourage the players for the entire game.

The thousands of followers, who attended this game, did see history in the making and I am confident that Australian Soccer has arisen from its ashes of its earlier disaster.

Thank you Young Australia for a thrilling afternoon of football, the real football.

Girraween John
Girraween, NSW

★★★

The death of Melita Soccer ace, Mark Ross, was an abrupt shock to the Australian Soccer world.

His majestic charm and charisma enlightened us all.

Being a keen follower of his, I recall witnessing one of Mark's last games for the Melita Club, against Croatia (6/9/81). Despite losing the game, Mark's courage and unique determination stood out head and shoulders above the rest. He was everywhere on the field. Whenever you looked Mark was there giving it all he had.

In his presence Mark Ross was noted for his light tap on your shoulder, backed up with a cheeky wink and classy smile.

Commiserations to the Ross Family and Melita Soccer Club for losing such an irreplaceable son and sportsman.

Robert Msrac
Campsie, NSW

★★★

I have found your publication over the last few months very interesting and informative — particularly regarding the World Youth Championships. However the issue of 20th September contained a couple of damaging insults, directed at one of the participating countries. The issue is headed "Coca-Cola Cup — Souvenir Issue". On page one a list of the participants and a few lines of history on each team — except Cameroon. Twice that country is mentioned, and on both occasions the only following remark is the word "Who" followed by a question mark.

If that is the limit of your writers' knowledge of fair play and journalistic endeavour, I'd suggest David Jack is exactly that, a Jack. I could direct other telegrams Jack's direction, but doubt if your worthy paper would print them. Perhaps if David Jack sat down and read the "Straight Shooting" column of the same issue he may feel some remorse, even horror, at his blunders regarding the team from Cameroon. Perhaps he may even apologise to our visitors. After all Cameroon did earn a place in the Cup, on the field of play.

TOM TREMBATH
INALA, QLD.

★★★

I am afraid that your writer Mike Mystakidis missed the point in his column of October 6 by inferring that Ian Hunter was chosen as Australian Youth Soccer captain because Hunter's name sounds "better" than Peter Raskopoulos.

The truth is that Hunter's selection is tit-for-tat. Greek George Peponis has been the Australian Rugby League captain. Fans of that code claim that he would not have had a chance of selection if he had not been an "ethnic" drawcard.

R Donoghue
Denistone, NSW

★★★

What a big joke a team with 500 supporters, to become Australian champions. Without the \$100,000 from Hakoah Club, Sydney City wouldn't stay in PSL.

The big positions in Soccer are occupied by Poms — Worthington, Shoulder. Most State coaches are all failures. How about Germans, Italians, Yugoslavs?

Another joke to let Channel 0 show Soccer. How about Channel 9 or the ABC?

Most coaches have no idea. To improve the game bring more established coaches like the Doc.

How about Croatia in the place of Hakoah — it's got 10 times more fans.

D Damalas
South Sydney

I would like to congratulate Mr John Economos on his write-up of the Australia — Argentina match in the ASW (6-10-81). Being a Brisbane supporter, I was unable to attend the game in Sydney and missed the telecast that night, but thanks to John Economos' article I was able to experience the great atmosphere they must have had there.

Mr Economos put so much feeling and detailed account of the match that, like I said, it was as good as being there. I have spent the last three years in New Zealand where there is no local Soccer paper, and, to come to Brisbane and find such a great Soccer Weekly, I must congratulate you all.

Finally I must mention that while at Lang Park watching the first round matches, the Australia — Argentina final score was announced and the whole 17,200 crowd erupted into cheers. The Qatar team impressed me very much.

N.C. Lentakis
Mansfield, QLD

★★★

Being a regular reader of your paper, I feel I have to complain about the UK Soccer Scene page. I think it should be more aptly called "English Soccer Scene," as it consistently carries stories from only south of the border. In this week's edition for example, the page was full of trivial news, ranging from John Bond's speeding fine to Franny Lee's toilet roll factory, etc. Surely stories like this can give way to worthwhile "clips" from Scotland. It was sad to see too that no mention was given to Bill Shankly's nationality. You and I know where his humble upbringing was, and where he developed his love for the game, but who is to know this down here.

Perhaps, this letter sounds like "another bigoted Scotsman". I hope not, but it would be good to see an occasional bit of news from north of the border.

Ross Malvenan
Brisbane, QLD

★★★

Many congratulations on your editorial of October 6, regarding Channel Ten's coverage of the World Youth Championship. You were 100 per cent correct in your assumption that the channel is regarding these games as a business investment and nothing else. Imagine any other country in the world putting on their national team at 11.30 pm, especially when they beat the world champions. Why wasn't the game shown on the following Sunday afternoon when all could have watched history being made? Oh, I forgot, the usual cowboy movie, 20 years old and in its unpteenth repeat, was on — it must keep up the Sunday afternoon ratings.

I don't know if anyone outside Melbourne witnessed the opening ceremony — I hope the overseas countries didn't. What a farce it was. Where were the kids, that these games are supposed to be directed at? There should have been 5,000 juniors in their respective team colours from all over Melbourne completely surrounding the running track for the opening, ah, but there I go again, dreaming the impossible dream, that someday we in Victoria may come across someone who can promote the game.

T.J. MITCHELL
WINDSOR, VIC.

★★★

How long have the thousands upon thousands of Soccer fans and the sporting public in this country (or so-called democratic country) have to put up with inadequate television coverage of Australian Soccer matches?

I would like to ask the television hierarchy on all channels, is the situation an act of discrimination towards the code and its followers, or do they possibly believe that these frustrated people are second-class citizens to be treated with contempt?

We outside the Sydney viewing area have been left out in the cold and not one World Youth Soccer match has been televised in these areas. With Soccer being the major sport in Newcastle it's a disgrace.

The brawl at the Sydney Sportsground has received nearly as much coverage as the one or two minute film clips so ungenerously bestowed upon us in the prime viewing news slot. How many times do we have to view this unwanted and barbaric incident, which is becoming a bore to all intelligent people in the viewing area. The sporting public are still waiting impatiently for all matches of the great young Soccer heroes in action or do we have to fly overseas to see a replay?

The NSW Rugby League and a Newcastle Rugby League TV panel have stated that no violence both on and off the field of play should be televised. Does this mean that any incident in Soccer should?

Finally I would like to ask the new Minister for Sport, Mr Cleary, if his favourite game and its followers were subjected to the same treatment Soccer his feelings if the local Sydney Rugby League Grand Final was treated in the same manner?

The replay of the Youth Cup semi-final in Sydney was at 1.00 am. because of a tennis match being shown live. The Australian Soccer world deserves answers to this sporting discrimination. But when?

Brian Campbell
Wallsend, NSW

★★★

On Saturday October 3, I, my husband, son and friends went to the Sports Ground to watch Australia play Argentina. It was without doubt one of the most exciting afternoons we have ever experienced at a Soccer match. We have been watching Soccer for some years but only for the first time were we watching a team with skill, a group of young men playing their hearts out — not for themselves, but Australia.

It was amazing. Everywhere we went people were telling about the young Socceros. What impressed me even more was the conduct of these boys, they rejoiced with us when they won, but when they lost they ran over to salute their fans even though very upset.

I've never met Les Scheinflug, but I'm sure, that apart from being a good coach he is a gentleman. You can see this in the way his boys behave.

Finally Sir Arthur George. I've been very critical of him at times but feel if he comes through with his new ideas (one of which is stopping imports) that a lot of credit must go to him for bringing the WYC to Australia.

Mrs J. Montgomery
Loftus NSW

Sir, I refer to the editorial column of 29th of September, and totally support Terry Smith's view of the St George v Croatia Grand Final. Likewise I too had been to a number of Philips League matches, especially to point out the South Melbourne and Sydney City match, which did not produce the flair I expected.

It is very sad to hear from a person of Doug Collins' calibre such a contrasting opinion. This was the best match I have seen between two top clubs since coming to Australia. To say the least, both the teams deserve their places in the Philips League.

It is time that Collins gave his opinion from an Australian-style-played Soccer (which is prevailing in the W.Y.C.) rather than the English.

MAHENDRA PRATAP
(Ex-Fiji)
ERSKINEVILLE, NSW.

★★★

For some time now I have watched Soccer administrations the world over struggle in attempts to brighten up this great game of ours. Many and varied have been the suggestions but I think it would be correct to say that none have yet totally succeeded. Many have contained merit, many have touched on various aspects of the problem but it is my opinion that none have yet isolated the root cause of today's Soccer sickness and based the cure upon eradication of the parasite.

Today's problem is best summed up in one word, FEAR, whether it be the fear a player feels when he may lose his position in the team, and thus his income, or whether it be the fear a manager feels that he may lose his job if the team fails, or whether it be the fear a top administrator feels when he thinks he is losing face among his peers.

Surely the solution should jump out at the Soccer student. Surely as long as negative play can gain points reward we will have negative play perpetrated by managers and players motivated by fear. "People want goals" is a much-heard cry among planners in the game, and yet the reward system in Soccer still gives points for teams who fail to do just that, score goals.

Should we try the following reward system as a means to aiding goal scoring?

- A win should still be rewarded by two points.
- A loss should still be rewarded by no points
- A 3-3 draw (or more) should give each team two points
- A 2-2 or 1-1 draw should give each team one point
- A 0-0 draw should give each team no points.

This system is encouraging goal scoring as a means of gaining points, as a means of generating excitement, and entertainment, and rewarding teams for enterprise. It also punishes teams who fail to achieve the aims of the game and in doing so almost wipes negative Soccer tactics from the coach's armoury. The traditionalist will argue but in the end he will admit the 0-0 draw (with subsequent one-point reward) is an abomination Soccer can live without.

It is noticeable that in this year's national competition, no two teams would have qualified for the two points gained by drawing 3-3. However on three occasions two teams did surpass the sharing of six goals, and would any reader dispute they were not exciting games? Brisbane Lions 4 d Sydney Slickers 3, Sydney Slickers 5 d Sydney Olympians 4, Sydney Slickers 5 d Adelaide Giants 3.

It is surely no coincidence that one team participated in all three matches, the same team scoring more goals than any other in the league (59), and the same team, while amassing a 43-point league winning margin were the ONLY team never to participate in a 0-0 draw. Sydney Slickers philosophy was good and it is a philosophy that must be thrust upon everyone in Soccer.

JIM BINNIE
AUCHENFLOWER, QLD.

★★★

We, being people of the ethnic community in Newcastle, and Soccer supporters, feel we must express our disappointment at not having the best boys representing Newcastle in the World Youth Cup. Two boys we refer to in particular, and held in very high esteem here, are well qualified — Dean Milosevic and Andy Stankovic. We know for a fact they wrote to the ASF last year requesting a trial but were not even given the courtesy of a try-out.

Dino played Philips League under Rasic at Blacktown this year and the previous two years at Newcastle KB United; while Andy has had two years in Edgeworth State League and was a member of the schoolboys national team three years ago. (Not to mention countless other honours.)

Dino was good enough to be chosen by Nottingham Forest (England) for the F.A. Youth Cup but not good enough for Aussies. The boys are more dedicated than most.

From at least 200 ethnic Soccer fans at Austral and Red Star Soccer Clubs, also Edgeworth

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

HAMMERS AND SCOTLAND KEEPER IN ADELAIDE

Former West Ham and Scottish international goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson is in Adelaide to settle permanently with his Scottish-born Australian wife, Greer, and their two children, Kelly 12 and Glen 8.

And at 36 he may still keep playing.

The big Scot has an appointment with Elizabeth City in the State league, as it was the first club to contact him; he will also talk to Adelaide City.

A four handicap golfer, he also plans to play on as many of our courses as he can.

Mrs Ferguson's parents, Frank and Agnes Quinn, came to Adelaide from Scotland 31 years ago.

Ferguson kicked off his career with Kilmarnock and won eight Youth caps for Scotland before signing senior with the club, appearing 73 times in First Division matches.

He got his first Scottish cap in 1964 and played seven times —



against Wales (twice), England, Holland, Brazil, Portugal and Northern Ireland.

He then moved to West Ham in 1967, for what was then a record fee for a goalkeeper, \$68,000.

EGAN SOLD

South Melbourne paid out \$6,000 to Victorian State League club Frankston City for Charlie Egan last week.

Egan (22) had a brilliant year after coming from Scotland, scoring 26 goals and winning both major Victorian State League awards, the Bill Fleming Award and the Rothmans Medal.

South Melbourne now have five highly regarded strikers in the team — Egan, Alun Evans, Steve Wooddin, Branko Buljevic and Duncan Cummings.



CHARLIE EGAN

It is a small world.

SA Federation president Alex Hastings was travelling to a meeting in Sydney, and next to him on the plane from Adelaide was an Egyptian.

It turned out he was broadcaster Mohamed Latif.

He said he was an ex-player, and Hastings said so was he, having played for Sunderland for 10 years, Scotland, and was eventually manager of Kilmarnock.

"Who did you play for," asked Hastings. "Glasgow Rangers," came the reply.

A shattered Hastings thought the Egyptian was joking, but it turned out the pair had been playing in the UK on opposite sides of the border in the 1930s.

Latif has been a broadcaster for the past 20 years, following Egyptian junior and senior teams all over the world.

We had several friendly run-ins with the West German pressmen over their claim that their team was under-strength.

They stressed 13 of the original selection could not come because their clubs would not release them.

Our reply was that it was only a coach's opinion that the 13 were the best in the country.

Another coach might have preferred the players that did come.

And is there a limited number of top young players in West Germany?

Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug had the best answer, which was also directed at England.

"There is no such thing as a weak Youth team from any major Soccer nation," he said. "All the under 19-year-olds would have to be struck down by the plague."

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Watch out for Anthony Dorigo.

A 16-year-old forward, he made his senior debut for Adelaide City as a substitute recently in the first leg of the Escort Cup challenge against West Adelaide.

He's off to Italy and England on holidays with his father, but will also be seeing Justin Fashanu, who guested with City, and hopefully will be allowed to train with senior players during his trip.

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Although West Adelaide, if they are admitted to the national league again, are negotiating for their own ground in a new sporting complex near the city, they may still stay at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The SA Federation headquarters is now one of the best in the country after being updated for the World Youth Championship. The boosted lights and additional dressing rooms are superb. Provided the rent money is right — and the training facilities — the Hawks could stay put.

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Jorge Gordillo, a defender in Argentina's Youth team, was selected last week in Argentina's senior squad for their upcoming European tour.

In the World Youth Championship, Gordillo played at left-back against Australia and England and came on as substitute against Cameroon.

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Was that a member of the Qatar squad seen in Tent City in Sydney?

More importantly, what would he win with a tent?

Melbourne's World Youth Championship Group B looked impressive on paper before the championship began.

Throughout the duration of the six elimination games one felt obliged to enjoy what was supposedly an example of some of the football from the cream of the world's Soccer nations.

However many felt that there was something missing as the matches in Melbourne never really "clicked". Some indefinable thing that kept one's enjoyment of the matches just a little more low-key than one would expect for such an event.

You could feel it and yet it seemed one was becoming a little too cynical by criticising such great Soccer nations.

However indications were there when it was generally agreed that for entertainment alone the minnow of the group, Korea, were far above the other three.

And they didn't even make the quarter-finals. Then, of course, Uruguay came to Melbourne for their quarter-final with Romania and showed us all what we had been missing.

Flair, excitement, individual ball skills, taking on men time and time again, the unexpected passes and the seemingly unquenchable thirst for seeking out goals. I doubt if there was a time when they would hold the ball up with deliberate passing and clinical build-ups.

Their whole game was based on excitement and the unexpected, and the Melbourne end of the championships proved to be brighter for their visit.

And they didn't even make the semi-finals.

We wonder if this says anything about the championship overall?

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Strongest tip for the West Adelaide Hawks' coaching job in 1982 — if they make the national league — is Alan Vest, strongman coach who was with Newcastle before departing midway through last season.

He would appear to be the ideal type for the club — an outsider, but a man who already knows the players through his involvement with Newcastle.

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Is South American-style football dead?

If we go by the qualifiers for the Youth semi-finals it must be, with not one South American side making it.

However, Qatar, who beat England in the semi-final, had the South American influence of their Brazilian coach, Evaristo.

ASW'S POOLS GUIDE AND LATEST RESULTS

WEEK 13
24th OCTOBER, 1981

DIVISION 1	COVENTRY	SWANSEA	1	X
	IPSWICH	ARSENAL	2	/
	LEEDS	SUNDERLAND	3	X
	LIVERPOOL	MAN. UTD.	4	/
	MAN. CITY	NOTT'M FOR.	5	2
	MIDDLESBRO'	EVERTON	6	X
	NOTTS C.	WEST HAM	7	2
	STOKE	BIRMINGHAM	8	/
	TOTTENHAM	BRIGHTON	9	/
	WEST BROM.	SOUTH'PTON	10	X
DIVISION 2	WOLVES	ASTON VILLA	11	X
	BOLTON	CAMB'GE U.	12	/
	CARDIFF	SHREWSBURY	13	X
	CHELSEA	BARNLEY	14	/
	CRYSTAL P.	DERBY	15	/
	GRIMSBY	BLACKBURN	16	/
	NEWCASTLE	ROTHERHAM	17	/
	Q.P.R.	LEICESTER	18	/
	SHEFF. WED.	OLDHAM	19	/
	WATFORD	NORWICH	20	/
DIVISION 3	WREXHAM	LUTON	21	2
	BRISTOL R.	HUDDERSF'LD	22	/
	BURNLEY	FULHAM	23	/
	CARLISLE	WALSALL	24	X
	CHESTERF'LD	BRENTFORD	25	/
	EXETER	PRESTON	26	/
	LINCOLN	BRISTOL C.	27	/
	MILLWALL	GILLINGHAM	28	/
	PLYMOUTH	CHESTER	29	/
	PORTSMOUTH	NEWPORT	30	/
DIVISION 4	READING	WIMBLEDON	31	/
	SOUTHEND	OXFORD UTD.	32	2
	SWINDON	DONCASTER	33	2
	BLACKPOOL	PORT VALE	34	/
	BOURNEMTH	BURY	35	/
	BRADFORD C.	SHEFF. UTD.	36	2
	HALIFAX	COLCHESTER	37	X
	HARTLEPOOL	TORQUAY	38	X
	HEREFORD	DARLINGTON	39	/
	HULL	ALDERSHOT	40	/
DIVISION 5	MANSFIELD	CREWE	41	/
	PETERBORO'	YORK	42	/
	ROCHDALE	STOCKPORT	43	X
	WIGAN A.	SCUNTHORPE	44	/
	BURTON A.	MORECAMBE	45	/
	LANCASTER	BANGOR	46	2
	MARINE	WITTON A.	47	X
	MATLOCK	GAINSBORO'	48	2
	ABERDEEN	DUNDEE	49	/
	AIRDRIE	PARTICK	50	/
DIVISION 6	DUNDEE UTD.	ST. MIRREN	51	/
	HIBERNIAN	CELTIC	52	2
	RANGERS	MORTON	53	/
	AYR	DUNF'MLINE	54	/
	DUMBARTON	KILMARNOCK	55	X

Australian Soccer Weekly selection for Saturday's games.
(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score-draws).

the Pools Results

SCORE DRAWS
3 pts 3, 6, 16, 23, 39, 40, 42, 45, 52
SCORELESS DRAWS
2 pts 11, 30, 35, 53

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	49
50	51	52	53	54	55	

THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

Here are the answers to last week's Presto Quiz:-

1. Draw 3 - 3. 2. Argentina. 3. Sth Melbourne. 4. Marconi. 5. Sixteen. 6. True.

The winner was: Mario Scorsone of 9/17-19 Phillip Street, Lakemba, NSW 2195.

He chose a leg of Preston ham for his prize.





Coke adds life to Soccer

DENNIS GOES OFF AGAIN

Mark Dennis of Birmingham City couldn't complain if he was given the nickname "Dennis the Menace."

He has been sent off five times already in his brief career — and he's only 20.

Dennis copped his latest send-off two minutes from the end of the match between his club, Birmingham City, and Southampton.

He had company as he left the field. Southampton's Alan Ball was also sent off in the same incident.



Some British sportswriters stubbornly refuse to acknowledge that "third world" or "emerging" Soccer nations can play the game to a very high standard.

Alan Thompson of the London Daily Express appears to be one reluctant to give the newcomers much credit.

He described the Oceania/Asia World Cup Group as "a bit of a farce" because it included teams like China, Kuwait and New Zealand.

Surely in the World Youth Championship, people must have been convinced that nobody can laugh at the likes of Korea, Qatar, Egypt or Cameroon.

Thompson writes: "It's sickening to realise that lads whose only claim to fame was an occasional fourth division appearance in England can take New Zealand into the World Cup Finals."

Sickening? Or maybe encouraging!

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FOOTBALL OR ICE HOCKEY?

The artificial pitch at Queens Park Rangers' ground is still causing plenty of controversy.

After Blackburn Rovers lost 2-0 on it, Rovers chairman David Brown said his club would make an official complaint about the ground.

He said: "The surface is simply not suitable for good football."

Blackburn will complain to the Football League and the F.A. Their feelings were summed-up by their manager Bob Saxton, who said: "There is no substitute for real grass. The goalkeepers had to be padded up like something out of an ice hockey match."

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BELFAST FANS HONOUR BEST

You have to be a big player to cause traffic jams and a late kick-off in a friendly match.

That's what happened recently at Windsor Park, Belfast where San Jose Earthquakes (USA) played against Linfield, the top Irish League club.

At scheduled kick-off time, there were 10,000

would-be spectators trying to get into the ground — so in fairness to them, kick-off was put back.

It goes without saying that a player called George Best was in the San Jose line-up!

ARGENTINE ACE TARGET

Southampton, who will release England centre-half Dave Watson, are ready to go to Argentina to find a replacement.

The man they want is Argentina's World Cup captain, Danny Passarella, who could be available for \$750,000.

Three years ago, Manchester United tried to buy Passarella but the fee was too big — even for United.

The transfer now required is not regarded as high for the free-spending English clubs, although it could stretch Southampton's budget.

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EXPLOSION IN THE DRESSING ROOM

Sunderland manager Alan Durban threatened to toss a couple of hand grenades into the dressing room to shake up his disappointing team.

He made a strong attack on his players and said he was ready to rock the boat.

Durban said: "We have to find out about these players — who can stand on their own two feet and who needs to lean on others."

Earlier, the Sunderland boss said he could listen to

transfer offers for most of his players. Now he could be ready to sell the lot!

Sunderland hope to strengthen their side by signing Yugoslavian international defender Jalimar Vidovic. He's on two weeks' trial at Roker Park and will cost \$150,000 if his trials go well.

DROPPED AFTER 200 GAMES

Steve Coppell is the most consistent player on Manchester United's books, having built up a run of 200 consecutive first team matches.

New manager Ron Atkinson, however, doesn't worry about reputations.

He dropped Coppell for the "derby" game against Manchester City.

The player soon bounced back... coming on as substitute for injured Garry Birtles in the first half.

LEIPZIG MATCH UPSET ALAN

Welsh international forward Alan Curtis won't want to go back to East Germany in a hurry.

When his team, Swansea City, were beaten by Lokomotiv Leipzig, Curtis was sent off for the first time in his career — and for reflex retaliation.

Curtis was butchered from behind, his temper snapped, and he slapped his assailant with the back of his hand. The German player went down as if hit by Joe Frazier and the Italian referee Massimo Ciulli sent the Welshman on his way to the dressing room.

Having done that, the referee then gave a free kick against Lokomotiv Leipzig.

After the game, Swansea boss John Toshack complained: "Our players were hacked more from behind in two games against Leipzig than in a whole season in Britain."

Leipzig manager Harro Muller commented: "We succeeded through discipline and physical strength!"



PAUL CAME AND WENT!

Managers in English football have notoriously short lives but recent events at Orient appear quite ridiculous.

Paul Went took over as manager from Jimmy Bloomfield and lasted just 21 days.

He was replaced by Ken Knighton who was sacked by Sunderland last April.

Knighton should stay longer than three weeks — he has a four-year contract.

His first match with Orient produced a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Watford. It was Orient's 10th game without a win and their sixth in succession without scoring.

As soon as he took over, the new boss said he would take Stan Bowles, Peter Taylor and Billy Jennings off the transfer list until he had time to assess the playing staff.

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CROWDS DOWN

Crowds are still dropping in the English first division, continuing the trend which has worried the Football League bosses for several years.

The first 77 matches in the new season attracted first division aggregate attendances of 1,909,039. At this stage a year ago, the corresponding figure was 2,015,120.

That's a drop of 106,081.

LONG REST FOR STEVE

Crystal Palace's Steve Wicks, the former Chelsea and QPR centre-half who cost Palace \$600,000, hurt his back in pre-season training and is still out of action.

Wicks has now been ordered to lay on his back for a full week of rest, causing misgivings about any early recovery.

Palace manager Dario Gradi said: "He's got a ligament strain in his back and this is affecting the sciatic nerve and causing pain in his legs."



STEVE WICKS

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Arsenal offered Wolves a package transfer deal worth \$1,200,000 for Scottish international forward Andy Gray but the offer was turned down.

Wolves reckon Gray is worth something nearer \$2,000,000.

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STAR SIGNING HITS TROUBLE AT LEEDS

The exceptionally skilled Peter Barnes is having plenty of problems with his new club, Leeds United.

Barnes cost Leeds \$1,500,000 when he moved from West Bromwich Albion but, with Leeds struggling, a lot of people are blaming him for the team's misfortunes.

Manager Allan Clarke is convinced he spent his money wisely when he got Barnes.

Clarke said: "Peter is the best crosser of a ball I've ever seen. He has devastating ability and is worth every penny he cost Leeds."

"But he has to fill a different role with Leeds when he have our backs to the wall. We cannot afford to have him hanging around waiting for service. So I ask him to drop back to midfield and sweat buckets. This is something new to him."

Barnes, himself, is not impressed by the trends in the game which make players of his type a race apart.

He said: "All you hear these days is work-rate. The game is full of players who can run around all day but what happens when they put their foot on the ball? Players like me are called a luxury, but football needs us."

"The sport is supposed to be about entertainment and about characters. Players have been coached to death and they act like robots. They look to the dug-out for advice during games because they lack confidence to do their own thing."

"I live all the beautiful things about football. I admired George Best, Rodney Marsh, Tony Currie,



PETER BARNES

Stan Bowles, Pele, Cruyff."

Clearly, there is friction between Peter Barnes and Leeds United — indeed he has already been fined for speaking out to the Press.

UK SOCCER

ENGLISH DIV 1													ENGLISH DIV 4														
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	10	5	0	14	4	22	Bradford	10	4	0	17	7	4	0	13	5	25										
Tottenham	10	3	0	29	7	4	Blackpool	11	5	0	0	19	3	1	4	0	18	8	22								
Ipswich	10	4	1	0	9	4	Bury	10	5	0	0	14	2	1	2	1	2	7	8	22							
Notim For	10	2	1	0	8	3	Wigan	10	3	2	0	6	1	3	0	2	8	6	20								
West Ham	10	2	2	10	7	2	Sourthern	10	3	2	0	9	3	3	0	7	8	6	20								
Man Utd	10	3	2	1	9	3	Sheff Utd	10	4	1	0	17	2	2	0	3	7	7	19								
Southampton	10	5	0	14	5	0	Colchester	10	4	0	10	1	1	3	1	3	5	18									
Everton	10	4	1	0	10	4	Peterboro	9	4	0	0	8	1	1	3	1	3	5	18								
Brighton	10	2	2	12	8	1	Wigan	10	4	0	18	3	2	0	3	7	13	10									
Liverpool	10	2	3	0	8	3	Torquay	9	4	0	0	8	1	2	0	3	5	6	18								
Birmingham	10	3	2	0	14	6	Port Vale	10	2	2	1	3	3	2	1	2	7	7	14								
Notis City	10	3	1	1	8	7	Hartlepool	10	3	0	2	9	9	1	2	2	6	7	14								
Aston Villa	10	2	1	1	8	7	Stockport	10	3	1	1	11	5	1	2	2	7	11	12								
Coventry	10	3	1	1	12	6	Aldershot	10	2	1	1	2	7	1	2	2	7	11	12								
Man City	10	2	2	1	7	3	Hereford	9	1	2	2	7	8	1	3	0	7	6	11								
Arsenal	10	2	2	1	7	3	Mansfield	10	1	3	1	10	8	1	1	3	3	6	10								
Stoke	10	2	2	3	10	10	York	10	2	1	3	8	10	2	0	3	7	13	10								
W.B.A.	10	2	2	1	6	3	Hull	10	2	2	2	7	0	2	0	3	8	12	9								
Middlesbro	10	2	1	2	7	9	Tranmere	9	0	3	2	2	6	2	0	2	5	7	9								
Leeds Utd	11	2	3	0	8	3	Darlington	10	1	3	1	5	8	0	3	2	3	7	9								
Holmes	10	2	2	3	0	10	Scunthorpe	10	2	3	1	4	8	0	1	4	1	10	8								
Sunderland	10	*1	2	2	2	5	Halifax	10	1	2	2	4	5	0	2	3	7	11	8								
							Rochdale	10	1	2	2	4	5	0	1	4	1	11	6	8							
							Northampton	11	0	3	3	4	8	0	1	4	5	13	4	3							
							Crewe	10	1	0	4	6	8	0	0	5	0	16	3	3							

ENGLISH DIV 2													SCOTTISH PREMIER DIV														
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Watford	10	3	1	1	8	4	4	0	1	0	8	6	19	Sheff Wed	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
Oldham	9	3	1	1	9	4	3	1	0	1	7	3	20	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
Sheff Wed	10	3	1	1	6	5	3	0	2	1	5	4	19	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
Chelsea	10	3	1	1	9	6	2	1	2	1	5	4	17	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
Leicester	10	2	2	1	5	4	4	2	1	2	9	6	16	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
Crystal Pal	10	3	0	2	8	3	1	2	1	2	6	7	16	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
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Barnsley	10	4	0	1	9	1	0	1	4	4	9	13	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15				
Grimsby	10	1	1	3	6	8	1	0	2	6	10	13	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15				
Cambridge	10	2	0	2	8	5	3	1	0	4	3	7	12	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
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Chersterfd	10	3	0	2	11	6	3	2	0	8	2	20	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15				
Doncaster	9	4	0	1	6	1	1	2	1	1	4	3	19	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
Walsail	10	3	0	1	9	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	18	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
Gillingham	10	2	1	1	2	9	8	3	1	1	1	28	5	17	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15		
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Millwall	10	3	0	2	9	7	1	2	1	2	8	7	16	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
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Bristol R.	10	3	1	1	6	11	1	1	1	3	9	9	14	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
Exeter	10	2	0	2	12	11	1	1	3	0	7	14	14	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
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Chersterfd	10	3	0	2	11	6	3	2	0	8	2	20	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15				
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Reading	10	2	2	0	9	1	7	3	2	0	5	1	17	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
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Fulham	10	4	0	1	10	5	4	1	1	3	4	8	16	Blackburn	10	4	0	13	5	4	0	13	5	15			
Southend	10	3	0	1	10	5	4	1	1	3																	